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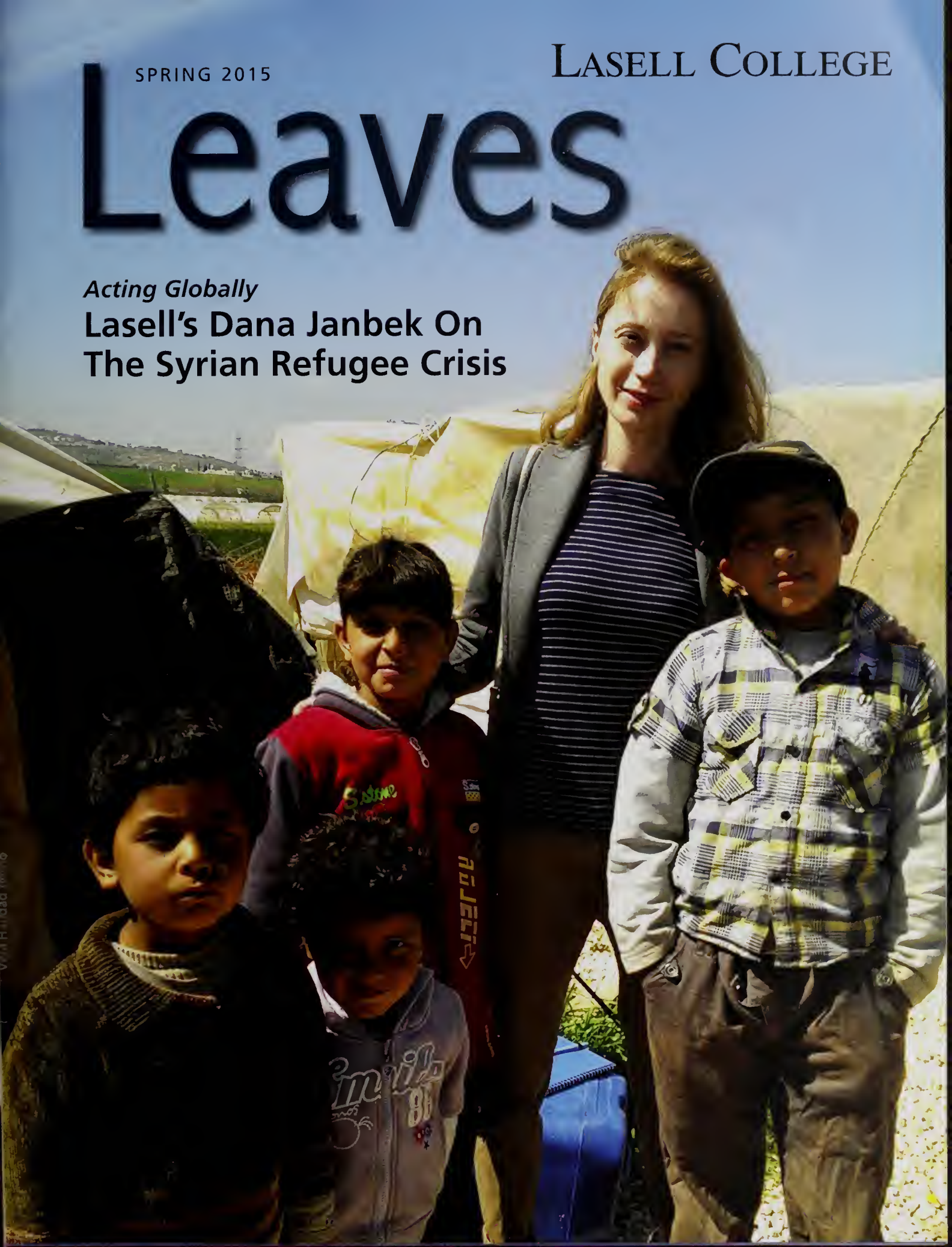

A Place Where Every Student Matters

Dear Lasell Alumni and Friends:

When I see the buds starting to form on the trees around campus after this exceptionally long winter, I think about graduation and the more than 450 students who will leave Lasell College to make their mark on the world. It is a joyful time of year when we celebrate the accomplishments of our students and the journey that they are completing.

Graduation also provides an opportunity for us to reflect on Lasell's past, present and future. The past two decades have seen significant change for our college; but the outside world will not let us rest. New technologies are upon us before we have learned to use previous ones. People, and our students in particular, are becoming more interconnected. Few things are constant—and for higher education that is a challenge. There are risks associated with change—and with not changing. Lasell must continue to innovate and lead all colleges into a new age where education is both better and more affordable. Our students deserve it, and our nation's future depends on it.

Our new Core Curriculum, which you read about in the last issue of *Leaves*, represents the next evolution of our Connected Learning philosophy. The power of this educational philosophy is that it helps students develop intellectual and emotional skills which enable them to become connected with their professions, with diverse groups of people and with the issues that affect our world.

The actions our students take, the causes they champion and the passion they exude give us clues about how we measure up as a learning institution. The College is clearly succeeding; one needs only to read about the achievements of the alumni showcased in this issue to see that.

But, are we prepared for the *next* generation of learners?

It is impossible to know what the future will bring, but there are two factors that give me significant hope. First, our faculty, staff and students are up to the challenge. They are smart, and innovative, and committed to improving upon our already strong foundation. Second, we have you and other members of the College community, who contribute so much of your time, talent and treasure to ensuring Lasell continues to be a place where every student matters.

Please know that as we prepare for Commencement, I am bursting with pride in our institution, thankful for your generous support and working to secure Lasell College for another 164 years.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Alexander
President

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Crisis Expert, *Scandal* Inspiration Judy Smith to Address Graduates

Judy Smith, a leading crisis management advisor to high-profile companies and individuals and the inspiration for the hit TV series *Scandal*, will deliver Lasell's Commencement address on Sunday, May 17 at Taylor Field.

A prominent crisis communications strategist, Smith, founder and president of her own firm, Smith & Company, has served as a consultant for a roster of celebrity clients including Monica Lewinsky, NFL quarterback Michael Vick and NBA star Kobe Bryant. She also has provided strategic advice on corporate communications issues, working with such Fortune 500 companies as BellSouth, Union Pacific, Nextel and United Healthcare.

In recent years, Smith has become widely known as the inspiration for ABC's *Scandal*, which revolves around the life and work of a professional fixer. She is co-executive producer of the TV project.

"We are excited that Judy Smith will be the featured speaker at Commencement this year," President Michael B. Alexander tells *Leaves*. "Her breadth of business and legal experience will be an inspiration to our students and families."

Smith began her professional life as a writer and public affairs specialist in Washington, DC, then launched a legal career that has included service as an Assistant United States Attorney and special counsel to the US Attorney of the District of Columbia. She later joined the White House as special assistant and deputy press secretary to President George H. W. Bush.

Prior to founding Smith & Company, she was a partner at several Washington-based public relations firms and senior vice-president of Corporate Communications at NBC, where she was responsible for the network's strategic global communications strategy and helped launch MSNBC.

Internationally, Smith has provided counsel to heads of state and major corporate executives in the Philippines, Haiti, Jamaica, Zimbabwe and Saudi Arabia.

Smith authored the crisis management book *Good Self, Bad Self* and has received numerous communications and leadership awards. She holds a BS in Public Relations from Boston University and a JD from American University's Washington College of Law.

Graduate Program Grows with Criminal Justice Degree

A comprehensive master's degree in Criminal Justice will be offered at Lasell starting this fall, providing students with a unique opportunity to choose from concentrations in Emergency and Crisis Management, Homeland Security and Global Justice, Violence Prevention and Advocacy as well as a flexible Criminal Justice option.

The new degree was approved by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education last December and will be available online beginning in September.

With several concentration options, the Lasell MS is distinct among criminal justice graduate programs in preparing students for new careers in the field "because the degree will target the public and private spheres as well as for-profit and nonprofit corporations and institutions," Linda Bucci, chair of Lasell's Justice Studies Department, tells *Leaves*. The new degree program adheres to standards developed by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) and the Quinn Bill in Massachusetts, which outlines competencies for programs targeted toward police officers.

- In the **Emergency and Crisis Management** concentration, individuals will learn to prepare and respond to major disasters, whether natural or man-made, both at the local and national levels.
- The **Homeland Security and Global Justice** concentration will enable students to handle threats to public security while providing a foundation in terrorism studies, law and policy and security.
- The **Violence Prevention and Advocacy** concentration offers professionals in healthcare, public health, public policy, education, colleges, Title IX administration, nonprofit and human service fields the ability to specialize with either a certificate or full master's degree.
- The general Criminal Justice degree option allows students to **custom-design** their graduate program while meeting a requirement of seven core Criminal Justice courses and two electives.

Another unique feature of the program is Lasell's Connected Learning educational philosophy, which enables students to combine classwork with real-world experience. Students in the new Criminal Justice program will be required to reflect on what they have learned in class through their participation in internships.

The new master's program will have six start-up times during the year and allows up to six credits in transfer. Also available is a five-year program open to Lasell undergraduate students and external undergraduate applicants who meet requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.lasell.edu/academics/graduate-and-professional-studies/ms-in-criminal-justice.html

At Your Service

College Recognized for Community Engagement, Commitment to Social Change

For some Lasell students, community service engagement becomes a part of their lives at a younger age; for others, service is a way to build community once they arrive on campus.

"I often found myself doing random acts of kindness throughout the community in which I grew up," says Shawn Fleurie '15, who was excited to learn about Lasell's community engagement when he arrived as a sophomore.

At Lasell, he embraced the idea of giving to others to learn about and engage with more of the world.

The College has long helped students like Fleurie expand their understanding of the world through involvement in public service and recently received important acknowledgement of this long-term commitment to service.

Last fall, Lasell became one of 361 colleges and universities across the country to receive recognition from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for its institutional commitment to community service engagement.

The Community Engagement Classification serves as a badge of honor for colleges like Lasell that make service a priority inside and outside of class.

"While higher education has come under increased scrutiny regarding its relevance to real public concerns and problems," Vice President for Academic Affairs James Ostrow tells *Leaves*, "Lasell College has prioritized the development of social awareness, social responsibility and citizenship at the heart of its educational mission."

Senior Fleurie, once engaged in community service at Lasell, was able to cultivate his ingrained values of service to others and jump into service activities and supervise fellow student tutors in the America Reads/America Counts program—which culminated this year in his appointment as Lasell's AmeriCorps VISTA. This role—usually reserved for a college graduate—requires a year-long commitment to one service agency.

"My outlook on life has changed. You open up to people you may not have previously, you [often] learn about a different part of the country in need and most of all you learn about yourself," Fleurie adds. "I would not be the same person I am today without the service opportunities that opened up to me throughout my time [at Lasell.]"

Fleurie is not alone in his engagement with the community.

Eighty-five percent of graduates know exactly what that means first-hand because they have all had at least one College-sponsored service experience at Lasell—through such activities as Read for America with the Center for Community Based Learning (CCBL), international service in such locales as Mexico, Ecuador or Belize or local outreach at area schools or public events.

"We can be very proud of the ways in which we reach out to the community and stand ready to help the community reach in," says Sharyn Lowenstein, director of the CCBL, who submitted the College's self study results for consideration by the Carnegie Foundation. "Nearly every college has as its mission one of social responsibility. Lasell can proudly say we are walking that talk."

This recognition and others such as the President's Community Service Honor Roll—which the College has received four years in a row—helps set Lasell apart and solidify its mission.

Walking the talk, something meaningful indeed.

Walking the Talk: Lasell students on location in North Carolina, ready to serve.

The Syrian Refugee A World Problem

by Dana Janbek

Over the past five years, the entire world has watched with mixed feelings as protests shook two-thirds of the 22 Arab countries. Since the onset of the conflict in Syria in March 2011, over 200,000 people have been killed; half of that country's population has been displaced, internally and externally. More than 600,000 of those refugees have made their way to Jordan, my birthplace.

As a native of the region and a communication scholar, I am naturally interested in what daily life is like for those refugees, specifically in the role Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) play, if any.

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Crisis:

Vera Haddad, Dana Janbek and Melissa Wall photos

The Syrian Refugee Crisis: A World Problem

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My 2013 research trip to Syrian refugee camps began at a communication conference in Ireland, where I met my future research partner, Professor Melissa Wall from California State University, Northridge. We were both presenting papers. Melissa's latest scholarly interest is in Syrian citizen journalism. Like me, she is interested in the refugee crisis. Over the next few months, I recruited two more American academics who had lived in the region to join us on a research trip to Jordan.

Through my research over the past two years, I've visited Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, met with Jordanian government officials, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) representatives, nonprofit organizations and, most importantly, with Syrian refugees themselves.

In my focus on ICTs, I found that most families owned a cellphone despite not having anything close to a steady income. Access to communication technologies was a priority for them. Cellphones helped refugees reclaim some power over their otherwise powerless situation. They typically used their phones to learn about family and friends in Syria, to verify information from official news sources, to access donations from humanitarian aid organizations and to share what life is like in the camp and in Amman, Jordan's capital city. And, when they could afford it, to reminisce over pre-war times. Often, the refugees encouraged their relatives in Syria to try and cross the border to Jordan.

I met families from different walks of life: engineers, business owners, nurses and teachers. These refugees have witnessed horrific acts and have been in situations that you and I cannot imagine. Families have been shattered, and childhoods interrupted; most refugees have left loved ones behind. All have gone from being producers of knowledge and goods to being reliant on UNHCR and the 50+ organizations that work hard to provide them with food, shelter and safety.

During one of my trips I spent most of my time in Zaatari camp, home to over 80,000 refugees, considered Jordan's fourth-largest city. It is also the camp that receives the most media attention, as celebrities tend to visit it. Zaatari is surrounded by barbed wire, broken into districts and spread over three square miles.

By early 2014 in the camp, tents were replaced by wheel-less caravans, one-room structures where multi-generational families live and sleep. Kitchens and bathrooms are communal which creates a challenge, especially for women and girls needing to use them at night. Some get around this by creating their own unsanitary space inside the caravan to relieve themselves. It is common at Zaatari for men to pick up and move a caravan from one location to another to be closer to other family members.

Water is scarce inside and outside the camp. Most of the country has desert-like conditions and suffers from a water shortage. In the camp there are schools, mosques and a shopping street better known as the "Champs Élysées." There, refugees can purchase groceries, shop for a pet, buy a wedding dress, even visit a salon. Despite being prisoners to these confining camp conditions, life goes on. Many of the families we met asked if they could return to the United States with us (although they made it clear that they would prefer to go with Melissa to California than with me to Massachusetts)!

As the enormous humanitarian crisis continues to evolve in Syria, similar scenarios are unfolding in nearby Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt—countries hosting an unprecedented 3.9 million Syrian refugees. Each of these host countries is suffering a serious funding gap that has worrying implications for stability in the region. In just a few years, the population of Jordan has increased by 10%. This percentage is equivalent to the entire population of Canada moving to the United States. The Syrian displacement has stressed the region's already-strained school, health and economic systems.

The challenges are real, severe and continue to grow. The refugee crisis is not merely a Syrian or a Jordanian problem; it is a world problem.

My meetings with Syrians often ended with them saying, "Inshallah (by God's will) we will go back home soon." Many Syrians have been refugees for almost four years, and the truth is that they will not be going home for years to come. The Syrian and larger refugee crises will get much worse before they get better, as the number of refugees and casualties continues to grow. When the war eventually ends, many Syrians will have no home or job to return to. Syria now has billions of dollars' worth of damage, and experts predict that it will take decades to rebuild the economy.

While public and private donations have been coming into the region—the United States is the largest donor to the cause—much more needs to be done by the major international players starting with resettlement programs. Donations are barely addressing the short-term needs of the refugees. Long-term solutions are in order.

I am writing this article for *Leaves* in March of 2015 from Amman, as I prepare to meet with more Syrian refugee families. With no political solution on the horizon, a more practical one should be on the table for these families, especially for those who wish to rebuild their lives. Refugees should have the option to leave the horrors they witnessed behind and look forward to new beginnings. They deserve a second chance in life.

Dana Janbek, PhD, is an assistant professor of Public Relations at Lasell College, the co-author of *Global Terrorism and New Media: The Post-Al Qaeda Generation* and a recognized authority on the use of communication technology by Syrian refugees. If you are interested in learning more about her research and her experiences, Dr. Janbek can be reached at djanbek@lasell.edu.

Making a Difference

Just as a majority of Lasell students participate in a service learning experience during their undergraduate careers, many, as alums, continue to give back and "make a difference," energized by their previous on-campus involvement. Here, some current examples.

RIDING EAST TO WEST FOR CANCER

Richard Hawkes '14 and **Katelyn Fabri '13** both participated in Lasell's first service learning trip to Uganda in 2013. And this summer, the two alums will join in the Ulman 4K for Cancer cross-country bike ride fundraiser, traveling with a cohort of young adults on a 70-day, 4,000-mile bike ride from Baltimore to Seattle. "My grandmother had four different kinds of cancer when she died," Hawkes, who was a peer health educator as an undergraduate, tells *Leaves*. "I'm riding to have a positive impact on the lives of survivors and to see the country the way it should be seen." Adds Fabri, "Cancer affects everyone in some way or another. I'm riding because I want to take on a physical as well as a mental challenge—while raising awareness for young adults affected by the disease."

While cancer is frequently thought of as a disease of the elderly or the very young, more than 70,000 young adults are diagnosed with cancer in the United States each year. The Ulman 4K for Cancer is a program of the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, a nonprofit organization "dedicated to enhancing lives by supporting, educating and connecting young adults (ages 18 to 25), and their loved ones, affected by cancer.

RUNNING WEST TO EAST FOR CANCER

Samantha Ross '14, who was a Second Step mentor and Relay for Life participant as a Lasell undergraduate, is joining 30 college-aged people on a 4,000-mile run from San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge to New York's Central Park, also sponsored by the Ulman Cancer Fund. "Our mission," she says, "is to unite communities and inspire hope towards the eradication of cancer." As the runners advance on their cross-country trek, they will stop in cities and towns along the way to visit cancer patients in hospitals, medical centers and hospices, as well as host cancer education programs. Route highlights include Napa Valley, Craters of the Moon National Monument, the Sand Hills of Oregon, the Great Lakes and Niagara Falls. Ross tells *Leaves* she is "drawing on the strong foundation of knowledge and confidence" she garnered at Lasell to make this 50-day cancer run commitment.

HEADING SOUTH FOR NIÑOS

After returning from a service learning trip to Coatepec, Mexico in 2003, a group of Lasell students, working with **Stephanie Athey**, associate professor of English and director of the College's Honors Program, founded Niños de Veracruz. The 501(c)3 nonprofit provides modest scholarships, $200 per child, to deserving sixth-graders at the Jorge Cerdán School—enough money to move each young recipient into seventh grade and beyond. Three of the very first recipients will graduate from Mexican universities this year. **Samantha LaFrance '13** and **Tabatha Torres '07** are among a cadre of Lasell alums who have voluntarily, and at their own expense, returned to Veracruz post-graduation to stay connected to the Niños effort. In January 2015, the two graduates joined three Lasell undergraduate interns who are helping to create a mentoring program for local sixth-to-10th graders. Commenting on her continuing engagement with the initiative, LaFrance tells *Leaves*, "I started out as an unsuspecting college student and am now a lifelong volunteer, because I believe in the cause. Building houses, mixing cement, cutting cane sugar with a machete and moving mounds of rocks may sound like hard work, but in reality, the blisters are satisfying." Adds Torres, whose most recent return to Mexico marked the 10th anniversary of her first Coatepec trip, "Niños was my earliest experience at being a part of something much greater than myself. Niños contributed not only to my personal growth, but to my professional path in becoming a social worker."

Niños has raised more than $103,000 and sponsored some 300 students since its inception and, owing to the generosity and vision of Lasell Village residents Marge and Lasell Trustee Irwin Gruverman, Niños has established a microcredit fund that has circulated more than $20,000 in small, zero-interest loans for health, business and shelter throughout this community of farmworkers.

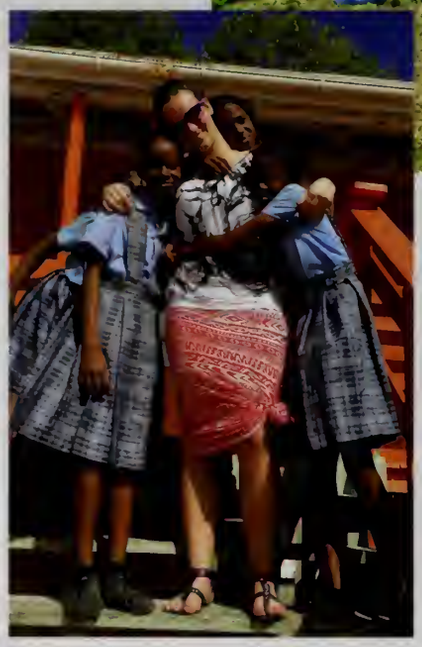
International Service Opens Students' Eyes

It's infectious.

Students have one service learning experience that is overwhelmingly positive and then crave another—perhaps an international service experience. This time, it changes their lives...and they want even more.

And, because of Lasell's commitment to service and civic engagement, they find those opportunities all the time. Enter Vietnam and Antigua—the College's two newest international service trips.

Both trips, which launched in January, expose students to service abroad with the support of committed and creative faculty who care about deepening the academic experience outside of the classroom.



In **Vietnam** (far right), students worked with street children through the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation while in **Antigua** (near right), Education majors taught elementary-age students, many of whom were visually impaired, at the TN Kirnon School in St. John's.

"Working with the rescued children was such an honor and a privilege. It amazed me how they went through so much horror and still managed to put a smile on their faces every day. They inspired me so much," says senior Keren Dekel, whose prior service trips include Mexico and New Jersey post-Hurricane Sandy.

Assistant Professor of Economics and Management Anh Le Tran, who led the trip along with Associate Professor of Art and Graphic Design Margo Lemieux and Associate Professor of Fashion Jill Carey, says exposure to the effects of poverty and lack of opportunity for the children made a lasting impression.

"The trip certainly enhanced our students' worldview and appreciation of differences," Tran tells *Leaves*. "They also found more strength and resilience as they witnessed how people in unfavorable life circumstances fought hard to make improvements."

In Antigua, Lasell undergrads were able to try different teaching approaches—based on the special needs of some of the students—and observe, in real time, the impact on the classroom.

"I think it was life-changing and their perspective on teaching was changed," says Assistant Professor of Education Elizabeth Hartman, who arranged the Antigua trip along with Gillian Stanley, assistant director of Graduate Student Services.

Senior Education major Emma Nuneviller, who experienced international travel for the first time on the Antigua trip, changed the focus of her degree upon her return to Curriculum and Instruction so she can "travel to other countries and observe their ways of teaching."

"This trip gave me the chance to step out of my comfort zone and gave me the confidence that I needed to continue teaching students and inspiring them to be the best they can be," says Nuneviller. "All students should get that chance to explore other countries and cultures. My eyes were opened to a different culture."

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Robin Sherman MSM '06

Lasell's Flexible Graduate Program 'Worked Well for My Young Family'

Robin Sherman first learned of Lasell's master's program in Elder Care Administration at a Board of Overseers meeting in 2005. A longtime Lasell overseer, she was intrigued by the possibility of pursuing a graduate degree in an emerging field while juggling a busy family life. Sherman had enjoyed a successful two-decade career in real estate management, ultimately as a senior vice president in commercial management for Capital Properties, Inc. But she was interested in transitioning to a profession that would better fit the demanding schedule of a single mother raising two growing daughters (Jessica, now 15, and Lila, 12). A *cum laude* Brandeis University graduate, Sherman is an adjunct faculty member in Salem State University's Psychology Department, an adjunct at University of Massachusetts Boston's College of Public and Community Service and is pursuing a PhD in Gerontology at the UMass McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. She is an active volunteer with the Brandeis Alumni Association, the Rashi School and the nonprofit Community Cooks initiative, as well as an overseer at Boston's Museum of Science. *Leaves* caught up with Sherman at her Newton Highlands home as she planned a lesson for the "Influencing Aging Policy" course she teaches at UMass Boston.

Logging In:
Sherman at work on the hybrid UMass Boston gerontology course she teaches.

What attracted you to Lasell's graduate program? I've always found the area of gerontology—older learners, aging policy and successful aging—fascinating. And here was a program practically at my doorstep.

What was your experience like? I found the classes interesting, the professors knowledgeable and enlightening and the other students—a variety of men and women ranging from newly-minted college graduates to veteran professionals in related fields—to be wonderful peers to learn with. I was able to earn credits both in classroom and hybrid courses (some classroom teaching, some online). That combination, plus the flexibility and manageable schedule, worked well for my young family.

How did your Lasell master's program inform your new career? Lasell opened my eyes to opportunities for research and learning in the field of aging. After getting my MSM, I enrolled in a PhD program in Gerontology at UMass, where I'm working on a dissertation about philanthropy and older donors. The career change has been fulfilling, and I have not looked back.

In your precious free time, what are some hobbies/passions? I'm an avid reader and love gardening, travel and summers at the Cape.

Why is it important for graduate alums to support Lasell? It's natural to support your undergraduate school, where bonds are formed as a result of the day-to-day experience with students and professors. It's also vitally important to support your graduate institution. You may not have the same life experience, but you get so much in terms of access to a vibrant learning community.

INTERESTED?

To learn more about Lasell's expanding slate of graduate degree programs, e-mail gradinfo@lasell.edu or call 617.243.2400.

Climate Change: A Threat t

by Michael Daley

Question: What is the connection between a beloved Robert Frost poem, a parcel of wildlife conservation land in rural Vermont and present-day climate change?

Answer: Lasell College

In 1925, Lasell acquired a large tract of forest near the White River in Vermont. As the story is told in a 1932 *Leaves* article, "Lasell lacked her quota of pupils, and a certain gentleman lacked the money to send his granddaughters here. A trade was arranged—land for education." Following that exchange, Lasell acquired additional land and planned to engage in forestry operations as a source of revenue.

Millions of trees were planted. The operation was successful, but the retirement of a key forester in the 1950s prompted a discussion of the future of the Lasell Forest. Soon after, the Forest was gifted, to be conserved, to both the State of Vermont and the Green Mountain National Forest.

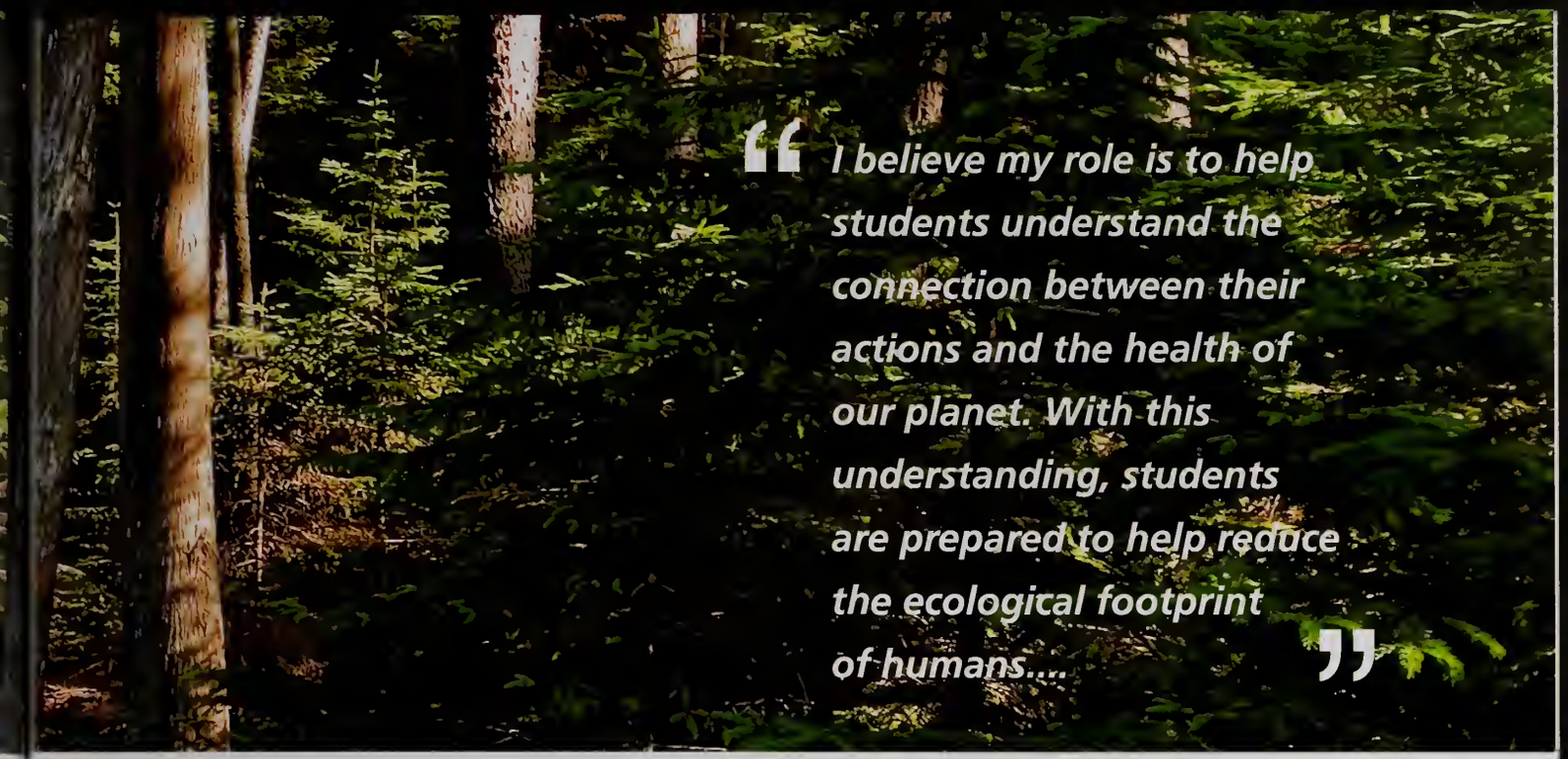
After 30 years of Lasell stewardship, much of the donated land was annexed to the Les Newell Wildlife Management Area (named for the forester who managed the land) with parcels fragmented and spread out over four towns: Barnard, Bridgewater, Stockbridge and Sherburne. This land is found in a remote area of Vermont with thriving wildlife. Stands of hemlock, red maple, sugar maple, birch, beech, balsam fir and red spruce dominate the landscape. The animal diversity is also high with species such as moose, white-tailed deer, bobcats, coyotes and black bears. The forests and wetlands support many species of amphibians and a wide range of songbirds. Healthy streams run through the land with populations of brook and rainbow trout. In short, it is pristine and special.

While the land was donated to the State of Vermont for conservation, many changes to the forests and wildlife are imminent due to the threat of climate change, which has already begun to impact Northeastern forests; the predicted changes in the coming decades are drastic. The two major changes that models predict in the Northeast are warmer temperatures, particularly in the winter, and less frequent, but more intense precipitation events. Combined, these changes will alter a long list of natural ecosystem processes including evapotranspiration, soil respiration, photosynthesis and nutrient cycling and disrupt the ecology of the entire region.

Every species has an optimal range and a tolerance range for precipitation and temperature. Over the next 50 years, as temperatures and periods of drought increase, we will see many changes to Northeast forests. For example, spruce and fir trees will struggle in lower-elevation areas such as the Newell Wildlife Management Area. Oak trees are better competitors in warmer and drier areas and will slowly replace spruce and fir trees. Similarly, climate change models predict a decline in the northern hardwood species such as sugar maple, yellow birch and American beech—species that help bring vibrant color to Vermont's fall foliage.

We can also expect the decline of hemlock stands in the Northeast as a result of climate change. Hemlock trees are threatened by hemlock woolly adelgid, an invasive pest. The infestation, widespread in Connecticut and Massachusetts, is not yet severe in Vermont and New Hampshire where cold winter temperatures significantly reduce the pest population.

As winter temperatures increase, as is



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predicted, we expect invasive pests that are cold-limited to expand north. The loss of hemlock forests raises concern for other organisms, as well. As these stands die, hardwood species replace the declining hemlocks. My research at Harvard Forest found that transpiration rates from hemlock trees are nearly half that of many hardwood species. The transition from hemlock to hardwood will alter soil moisture and flow in small streams and have a direct impact on amphibian and fish populations, including trout.

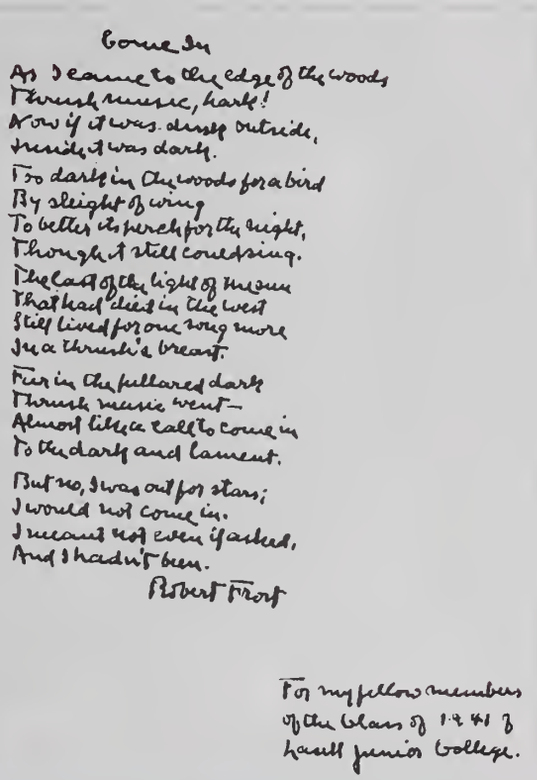
Wildlife species in the Northeast will also shift as a result of climate change. The moose population found in the Newell Area will likely decline as warmer temperatures begin to limit the southern range of the species. As the composition of tree species is predicted to change, we also expect a shift in bird species associated with the forest.

These are just a few examples of changes predicted in the Northeastern forests. While humans cannot sense a small change in temperature, an annual change by just a few degrees has a large impact on ecosystem processes. These small changes set in motion feedback loops that quickly result in significant alterations to ecosystems.

In 1941, Vermont poet Robert Frost gave a reading at Lasell. Afterwards, he and then-President Guy Winslow, a Vermont native and ardent lover of the woods, together examined a portion of a witness tree from the Lasell Forest.

A year later, Frost's celebrated volume of poems, *A Witness Tree*, went on to win a Pulitzer Prize. Included in the volume, "**Come In**" (see left), published in Frost's handwriting for the first time and dedicated to the Lasell Class of 1941.

Just as Robert Frost once found artistic inspiration in the Lasell Forest, his poetry lives on as a historical record of what once thrived there. The Newell Wildlife Management Area will remain, but the trees and wildlife within will experience substantial shifts if the world does not act soon to reverse the effects of climate change.

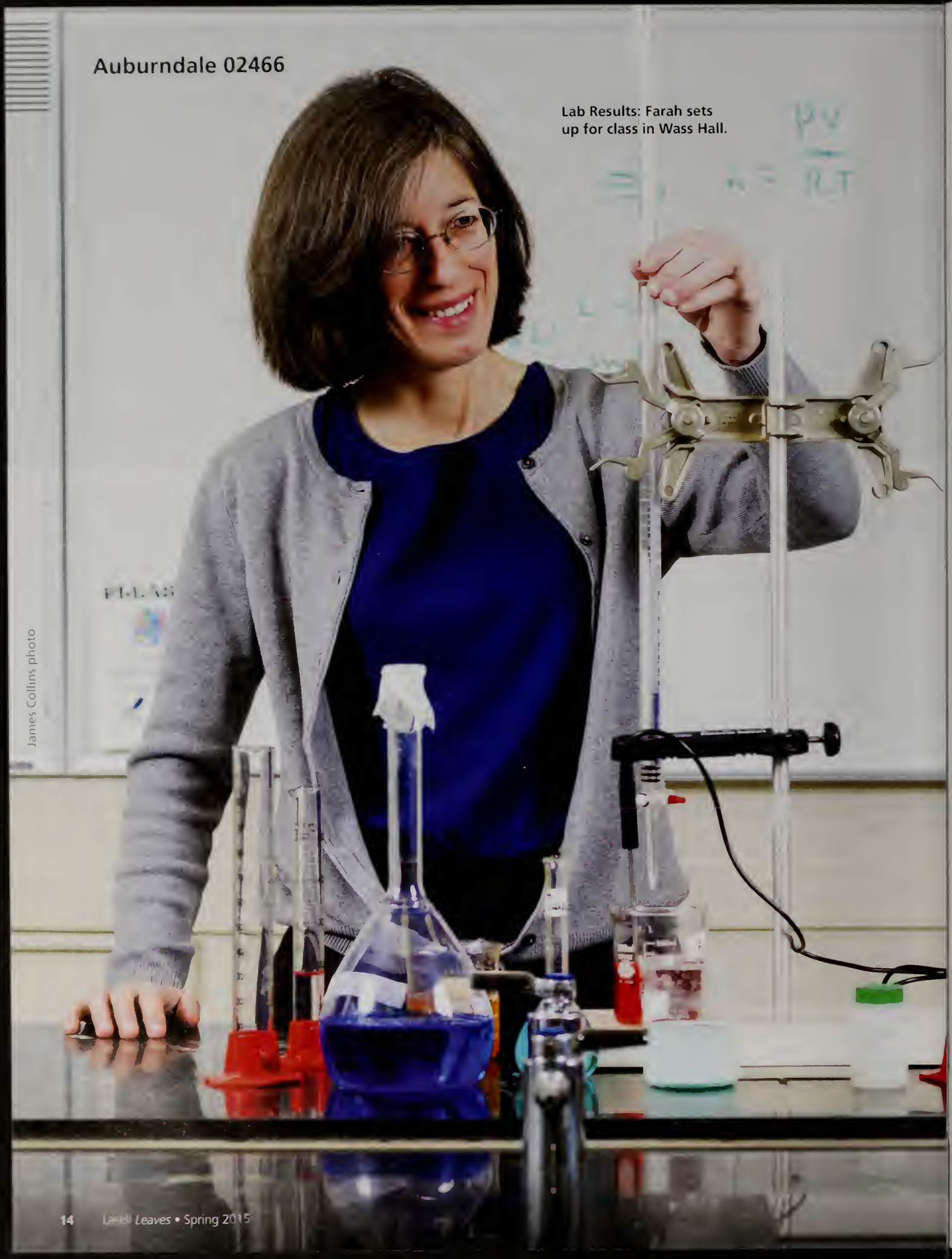

Come In

As I came to the edge of the woods
Thrush music, hark!
Now if it was dusky outside,
Inside it was dark.
Too dark in the woods for a bird
By sleight of wing
To better its perch for the night,
Though it still could sing.
The last of the light of the sun
That had died in the west
Still lived for one song more
In a thrush's breast.
Far in the pillared dark
Thrush music went—
Almost like a call to come in
To the dark and lament.
But no, I was out for stars;
I would not come in.
I meant not even if asked,
And I hadn't been.

Robert Frost

For my fellow members
of the Class of 1941 &
Lasell Junior College.

Michael Daley, PhD, is associate professor of Environmental Science at Lasell College. A forest ecologist with interests in global change biology, Daley's research examines the interaction of vegetation and its physical environment. In 2004, he was awarded a National Science Foundation fellowship to pursue research on the impact of the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid pest on New England forests.



Lab Results: Farah sets up for class in Wass Hall.

James Collins photo

Chemistry Prof Kim Farah On Making Science 'Matter'

Not every distinguished scholar of science can claim to have been a platoon leader in the Army. But Lasell Chemistry Professor Kimberly Farah can. Farah joined the Lasell faculty in 1993 and was Exercise Physiology department chair from 1998 to 2006. She is the current (and seventh) Arnow Scholar, a three-year rotating professorship established by Robert and Joan Weiler Arnow '49 to provide support for a faculty member "whose commitment to teaching and personal interest in students would enhance the learning process and make a significant contribution to the overall Lasell community." And that Farah more than does. The New Jersey native holds a BS in Materials Engineering from Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University, an MSE in Civil Engineering, an MS in Pharmacy Science from the University of Florida Gainesville and a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Her scholarly interests involve new analytical techniques for environmental analysis, toxicology, storm water engineering and statistical process control. Additionally, Farah has published numerous articles in scholarly journals, including *The Journal of Environmental Science and Health*, and presented papers at national meetings of the American Chemical Society and the Society for Applied Spectroscopy. Her current research involves thermodynamics of liquid crystals and inquiry-based learning in undergraduate science education. Farah has been recognized in *Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in American Education* and *Who's Who in Science and Engineering*. The daughter of a retired chemist and university librarian, Farah lives in Danville, NH, where she is on the Board of Selectmen, works with the local conservation commission and is active in the American Legion. *Leaves* caught up with the Arnow Scholar in her Wass Hall laboratory.

Define your educational philosophy. The last 20 years have seen a transformation in learning that is quite remarkable. Instead of passive students who digest information delivered by a professor, students now are able, and indeed expected, to participate in their own learning. Students now benefit more fully from a collaborative pedagogy where both the student and teacher are engaged in transforming fact into knowledge and thought into action that applies to the reality of individual lives.

Meaning what, in practical terms? I believe that the guide/instructor/teacher/facilitator must be sensitive to the individuality of all learners, engaged in their educational experience and in search of new and creative ways to link new knowledge to the learner's work environment. Over the course of my career, I have incorporated group research projects, semester-long case studies, mock crime scene set-ups, "clicker" technology, online homework and course management systems into the classroom. Such dialogue, both internal and external, encourages problem solving, critical thinking and a movement of boundaries that can exist in perceptions and perspectives.

What scientist(s) have influenced/inspired you most? My high-school chemistry teacher was fabulous. I'll never forget his "dance of the electron." And my doctoral dissertation adviser taught me how to conduct research and combine my dual interests in analytical and environmental chemistry.

What's best about teaching at Lasell? The small class size allows me to really get to know my students, even mentor some undergraduates in research projects that can result in presentations and publications.

Talk about the impact of your Arnow Professorship. It's allowing me the luxury of more time for scholarly work. I co-authored an article for *The Journal of Thermal Analysis and Calorimetry* on the use of liquid crystals in teaching undergraduate physics, co-presented a paper at an American Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's conference in Nashville, TN, and am writing articles for the *American Journal of Physics* and *The Physics Teacher*.

You are part of the faculty task force charged with reforming Lasell's Core Curriculum. Thoughts? It's been a great collegial experience. I'm heading up the redesign of the science knowledge perspective course, so that each course meets the core "way of knowing" benchmark: applying the process of scientific inquiry to comprehend the natural world, solve problems and ultimately communicate results to others.

What are your hobbies/passions? I'm passionate about being outdoors. I walk every day (with my dog) on conservation land that abuts my farm (I have two horses). I love horseback riding, dressage competition, biking, downhill skiing and reading. And I play the flute professionally at weddings and recitals.

What's currently on your night table? *Die Again* by Tess Gerritsen (whose books are the basis for *Rizzoli and Isles* TV series and touch on medical forensics); *Grain Brain* by neurologist David Perlmutter, about the pitfalls of gluten in the diet.

Is a focus on science relevant for non-science majors? The analytical thinking skills developed in science courses can be applied to any area of inquiry and study. Additionally, there is a real need for students and citizens to become aware of the significance of science in order to make wise decisions both in the workplace and in the community.

Off the Shelf

Recent (2014-2015) publications, presentations, appearances and exhibitions by Lasell College faculty include a rich roster of titles and topics. Space considerations prevent a full listings of submissions. Here, a representative sampling:

Joseph Aieta III, Professor of Humanities
- "Globalization: The 'New' Religion–Theory and Implementation," workshop organizer, leader and presenter, "Globalization as a New Imperialism?" International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Porto, Portugal. Summer 2014.

Deborah Baldizar, Visiting Assistant Professor of Art and Graphic Design
- Group Show: *Pulp Culture: Paper is the Medium*, Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ. Fall 2014.

Janice Barrett, Chair and Professor of Communication
- "Insights into the Communication Dynamics of Bullying and Strategies for Teaching Peace," panel chair, National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL. Fall 2014.

Linda Bucci, Chair of Justice Studies; Professor of Legal Studies
- "Crossing the Boundaries: Models for Interdisciplinary Co-Teaching in Undergraduate Courses," presenter with C. Zeek, L. Rosenthal and S. Thantham, Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA. February 2014.

Stanley Buchin, Lecturer, Hospitality and Event Management
- "Statistics Without Tears: Quantitative Analysis and Forecasting in Hospitality and Tourism," Amazon.com, 2014.

Sarah Burrows, Director of Internship Program; Assistant Professor of Communication
- Blog contributor: http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/nerdscholar/2014/entry-level-jobs-ask-career-center/.

Jill Carey, Associate Professor of Fashion; Curator, Lasell Fashion Collection
- "Classical Revival and Feminist Expressions as Depicted in Fashion Plates," presenter, Popular Culture-Fashion, Style, Appearance, Consumption and Design Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2014.

Michael Daley, Associate Professor of Environmental Science
- "Persuading People, Preserving the Planet: Applying Multiple Disciplines to Create Environmental Solutions," presenter, Annual Meeting of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences, New York, NY. Summer 2014.

Paul DeBole, Assistant Professor of Political Science
- East Coast Gaming Congress, panelist. Borgata Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ. May 2014.

J. Brooke Mullins Doherty, Lecturer, Studio Art and Art History
- *Weather Systems*, exhibitor, Van Vessem Gallery, Tiverton, RI. September 2014 (see **monotype**, page 17 top right).

Jenifer Drew, Associate Professor of Sociology and Justice Studies
- "Peer Pedagogy in Prison Education," presenter, National Conference on Prison Postsecondary Education, Chicago, IL. Fall 2014.

Dennis Frey Jr., Associate Professor of History
- "Wealth, Consumerism and Culture Among the Artisans of Göppingen: Dynamism and Tradition in an Eighteenth-Century Hometown." *Central European History*, Cambridge University Press. 2014.

Hortense Gerardo, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Performing Arts
- "Notes from the Field: Master Class Lessons in the Art Toward Nothing." *The Dramatist, The Journal of the Dramatists Guild of America, Inc.* September/October 2014.

José R. Guzmán, Assistant Professor of Spanish
- "Con Mi Muerte Yazgo en Ti…" *EL Búho: Revista Para Lectores*, # 41, Quito, Ecuador. 2014.

Elizabeth Hartmann, Assistant Professor of Education
- "Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Teacher Education: Smart from the Start or Just Another Retrofit?," presenter, Teacher Education Division, Council for Exceptional Children (TED-CEC). Indianapolis, IN. Fall 2014.

Hector Iweka, Assistant Professor of Marketing
- "An Exploratory Study of the Dynamics of Small Business in an Emerging Market: Challenges and Opportunities in Nigeria," presenter, Academy of World Business, Marketing and Management Development Conference, Dubai, UAE. Summer 2014.

Dana Janbek, Assistant Professor, Public Relations
- "The Role of the Internet Post 9/11 in Terrorism and Counterterrorism," co-author with Valerie Williams MS'14. *Brown Journal of World Affairs*. 2014.

Anne S. Katzeff, Lecturer, Art and Graphic Design
- *Longwood Cricket Club Centennial Book*, graphic design, photo retouching, pre-press production, Chestnut Hill, MA. 2014.

Young-Tae Kim, Assistant Professor of Sport Management
- Kim, J. C., Hwang, J. Y. and Kim, Y. "Understanding of Sponsorship, Brands, Social Media and Technology and Future Directions of Professional Sport." *International Journal of Physical and Social Science*. 2014.

Jeff LaCure, Lecturer, Social Sciences
- "Room In The Heart," co-author. *Raising Our Children's Children*. Taylor Trade Publishing. July 2014.

Margo Lemieux, Associate Professor, Art and Graphic Design
- "Rupert Farm Bounty," etching. *From Palate to Plate: The Boston Printmakers at the Newport Art Museum*, Newport, RI. January 2015.

Tessa Le Roux, Director, Nancy Lawson Donahue '49 Institute for Values and Public Life; Professor of Sociology
- "Human Rights, Family Roles and Social Justice," presenter and session chair, International Sociological Association Conference, Yokohama, Japan. Summer 2014.

Ye Liu, Coordinator of Instructional Technology
- Bringing Instructional Design Strategies to Moodle Course Design," presenter, Learning Management System Moodle User Group (MUG) Conference, St. Paul, MN. June 2014.

Marsha Mirkin, Associate Professor of Psychology
- "Stay or Leave? Attributions Toward Lesbian and Female Heterosexual Domestic Violence Victims," presenter with B. Gallant, K. Pigott, K. Lane and L. Rosenthal, Eastern Psychological Association Conference, Boston, MA, Spring 2014.

Joann Montepare, Director, RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies; Professor of Psychology
- "Communities by Design: A Multi-Disciplinary Course for Healthy Living and Healthy Aging," presenter with K. Farah. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Nashville, TN. March 2015.

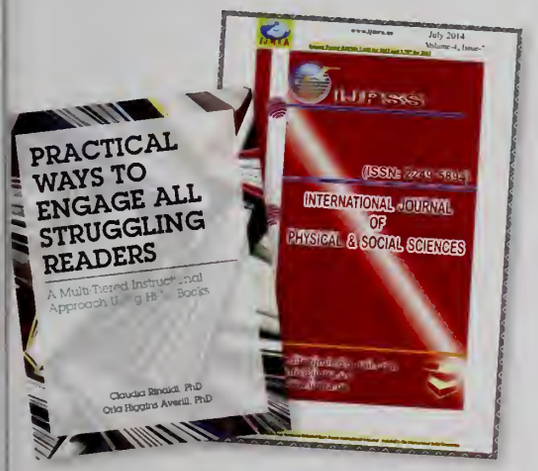
James Ostrow, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Professor of Sociology
- "Education in a Changing World." *The Journal of School and Society*. The John Dewey Society. Spring 2015.

Esther Pearson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- "Science, Technology, Engineering Program Studies–STEPS to a Brighter Future," presenter, Mentoring Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. October 2014.

Marilyn Pennell, Lecturer, Communication
- University Film and Video Association (UFVA) Annual Conference, presenter, panel moderator and respondent, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT. August 2014.

Faye Rapoport DesPres, Adjunct Professor, English
- *Message From a Blue Jay: Love, Loss, and One Writer's Journey Home*. Buddhapuss Ink, Edison, NJ. May 2014.

April Stern Riccio, Lecturer, Fashion
- *Cucina di Rosalie*, Lulu Publishing, North Carolina. December 2014.



Claudia Rinaldi, Chair and Associate Professor of Education
- *Practical Ways to Engage All Struggling Learners*, Saddleback Publishing, San Diego, CA. October 2014.

Lori Rosenthal, Chair of Social Sciences; Associate Professor of Psychology
- "From Checklist to Outcomes: How Assessing General Education Launched a (Re) Designed Core Curriculum," presenter with C. Zeek, D. Frey and M. Niestepski, New England Educational Assessment Network Fall Forum, Worcester, MA. November 2014.

Lydia Sampson, Head of Technical Services, Brennan Library
- "Teach a Man to Fight: Motives and Outcomes for International Service Learning, and a New Pedagogy of Dignity," presenter, Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference, Bogota, Colombia. February 2014.

Stephen Sarikas, Professor of Biology
- "Innovations in Helping Students Succeed in the Anatomy and Physiology Lab," presenter, National Conference of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society, Jacksonville, FL. May 2014.

Annmarie Seldon, Lecturer, Journalism
- "Halloween Costumes and More," media appearance, *Money-Saving Mondays*, NECN. October 2014.

Dipti Sharma, Lecturer, Physics
- "Physics of Running Shoes—Impact Force vs. Types of Shoes," presenter with K. Farah, 61st NECF Meeting, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 2014.

Jill S. Shoemaker, Head of Reference Services, Brennan Library
- "Assessment in Action: Assessing Graduating Seniors' Library Skills," poster session presenter, American Library Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV. Summer 2014.

Ed Sieh, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice
- "Dignity." *Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Sage Publications. 2014.

Annee Spileos Scott, Senior Lecturer of Studio Art
- *By Land, By Sea*, exhibitor, Spoke Gallery, Boston, MA. April-June 2014.

Jesse Tauriac, Assistant Professor of Psychology
- "Cultivating Culturally-Flexible Mindfulness-Based Interventions to Enhance Emotional and Physical Well-Being Among Diverse Black American Families," presenter with L. West at annual meeting of the American Family Therapy Academy, Athens, GA. 2014.

Anh Le Tran, Associate Professor of Economics and Management
- "La mer de Chine meridionale, un enjeu geopolitique entre le Vietnam et la Chine." (French translation of "South China Sea: A Geopolitical Issue between China and Vietnam.") *Emerging Nations*, November 2014.

Missy Van Hyfte, Program Director and Assistant Professor of Hospitality and Event Management
- "Service Quality, Brand Loyalty, and Wine Tourism," *Strategic Winery Tourism and Management: Building Competitive Winery Tourism and Winery Management Strategy*. Apple Academic Press, 2015.

Erin Vicente, Assistant Professor of Communication
- "Implications for PR Pedagogy, PR Student Recruitment, and PR Research," panel chair, National Communication Association Conference, Chicago, IL. Fall 2014.

Edward Weeks, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice
- "Defining and Measuring Child Maltreatment," with L.M. Williams. *Child Abuse and Neglect Worldwide*. Praeger, Santa Barbara, CA. 2014.

Catherine Zeek, Director, RoseMary B. Fuss Teaching and Learning Center, Associate Professor of Education
- "From Checklist to Outcomes: How Assessing General Education Launched A (Re)Designed Core Curriculum," co-presenter with D. Frey, M. Niestepski and L. Rosenthal, New England Educational Assessment Network Fall Forum, Worcester, MA. November 2014.

Zane Zheng, Assistant Professor of Psychology
- "Pupil Dilation in Response to Semantically Unexpected Words: A Quantitative Measure of Language Processing," presenter with Riley Fricke, Joseph Wachutka and Arthur Wingfield, Brandeis University Undergraduate Research Conference, Waltham, MA. Fall 2014.

Vladimir Zimakov, Director, Wedeman Gallery; Diane Heath Beever '49 Associate Professor of Art
- "The Golem," solo art exhibition, First International Robot Performance Festival. Prague, Czech Republic. November 2014.

Action Central: Panchuck strikes a familiar pose in the Lasell Village dining room.

The Village Voice

Paula Panchuck on Living and Learning

Lasell Village opened in 2000 with 14 apartment buildings and Paula Panchuck at the helm as dean. A mere six years later, there were 16 buildings on the 13-acre site. Why the building boom? "The growth was due, in part," Panchuck tells *Leaves*, "to the popularity of the living and learning philosophy that distinguished the Village from its counterparts. And still does." With the opening of that 16th building in 2006, Panchuck became executive director and dean. And the rest, as they say, is award-winning history in the annals of senior housing communities.

As Lasell Village marks its 15th anniversary this year, Panchuck is retiring, handing off the leadership hat she wears so well. She leaves the Village on strong financial footing and with a waiting list of interested seniors. Her successor, Anne E. Doyle, began her tenure in late March (see page 21). *Leaves* sat down with the beloved Panchuck in the Village's celebrated Town Hall dining room—action central for the 200-plus residents who traverse the enclosed walkways and gather there daily to break bread, commune and relax.

Where do you conduct your non-Village life? I was born and still live in Natick, MA. In 30 years of working in Newton at the College and the Village, it sometimes felt like Newton was home, so one of my retirement goals is to reconnect to Natick as an engaged "townie."

What part of Italy are your parents from? Gino and Guerina DeAngelis lived in a tiny village called San Michele al Fiume in the municipality of Mondavio, within the Province of Pesaro, in the Le Marche region near Tuscany.

Have you visited there? Three times in the last six years! The second trip was just after my daughter was married. We had her marriage blessed in the tiny San Michele church where my parents were wed, then hosted a luncheon for our dozens of Italian cousins.

Family info? I'm married to my college sweetheart Michael Panchuck, whom I met in 1967 at a fraternity/sorority party at UMass Amherst and wed in 1971. He retired as a public school guidance counselor a few years ago and now works for Campus Bound. Our daughter Melissa is on staff at Newton's Fessenden School; her husband Blake Roper works for State Street. They are the parents of Sage Vitaliana Hartness Roper, the youngest member of our large Italian family. Sage met her namesake and the clan's matriarch, my late mother's 93-year-old sister Vitaliana Pettinelli, on our third pilgrimage to Italy last summer…beautiful!

Education: I have a BS in secondary education and an MS in early childhood and elementary education from UMass Amherst. My PhD from Lesley University is in education and public policy, with a concentration in adult development and aging. My primary research interests include the impact of intergenerational exchange on older adults and college students' attitudes toward older adults.

Hobbies/passions? Precious time with friends and family, gardening, my granddaughter Sage, time at our Cape house, traveling to Italy. Retirement is a time to discover and rediscover our passions, and I can't wait!

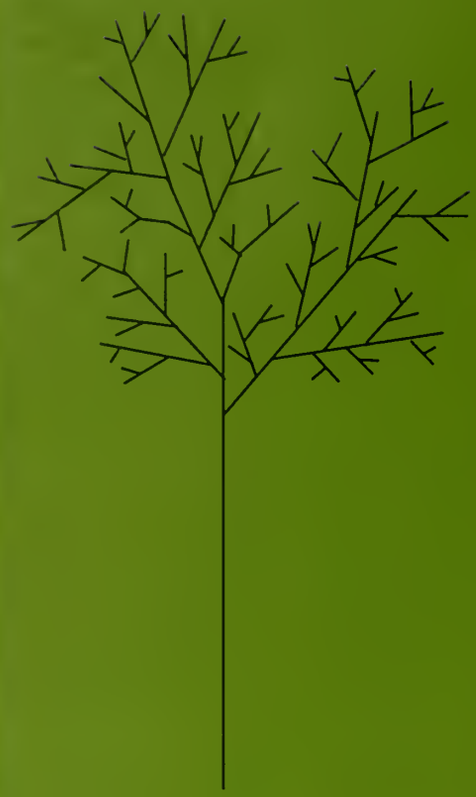
Books currently on your night table? I'm a non-fiction fan lately, and I have three books going at the same time: Ron Suskind's *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism*, Mimi Baird's *He Wanted the Moon* and Rhonda Byrne's *The Secret*. I've loved going to the library since childhood and still like to hold an actual book in my hands.

Plans for post-Lasell Village life? My plan is to flip the balance of work and community service to lots of the latter and less of the former.

Will you continue teaching online courses? I hope to, especially in my current role working with graduate students as they navigate their internships and the challenges, doubts and achievements that come with that phase of their degree work. Online interactions can be very satisfying, but I've had to initiate multiple phone conferences with students to strengthen our connection. Next stop… Skype or online conferences throughout the semester.

What has been the highlight of your Lasell Village life? The amazing, challenging and satisfying community experience of leadership in a setting where both the 200 or so residents whom I served, and the 200 or so employees with whom I served them, were "under the same roof," so to speak, and part of my everyday life. The sense of team that is possible under those circumstances, as well as the sense of community between and among staff and residents, will always be unforgettable. It has been like family!

Twigs



Brief Notes From Campus

Mohegan Sun Shines

Lasell's Hospitality and Event Management Department hosted the College's first annual Hospitality Day in March, featuring leaders from the hotel, casino and event management industry, including Mohegan Sun CEO **Mitchell Etess**, who networked with students. The daylong forum was the brainchild of undergrad **Deirdre Duddy-Kennedy '16**.

Milken Winner Returns

Anthony Petrelis '05, who last fall received the Milken Educator Award (widely considered the "Oscar of Education"), spoke to students in February as part of an Education Department speaker series. A fifth-grade teacher in his native Medford, MA, Petrelis encouraged students to persevere when they hit obstacles and to take time to learn about themselves and what motivates them.

Shore Thing

Three years after Hurricane Sandy ravaged the New Jersey coastline, members of the service group ***Lasell Says Thank You***—including 10 students and Area Coordinator **Trish Moran**—returned to the Jersey Shore over Valentine's Day weekend to help rebuild a home.

Fuss Summit Launched

Lasell's **RoseMary B. Fuss Center** for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies received a $5000 grant to launch a major educational summit addressing aging in society and its impact on Massachusetts colleges and universities. ***The Talk of Ages Summit***, set for campus in June, is supported by a grant from the Association for Psychological Science through its fund for Teaching and Public Understanding of Psychological Science.

Three Programs Accredited

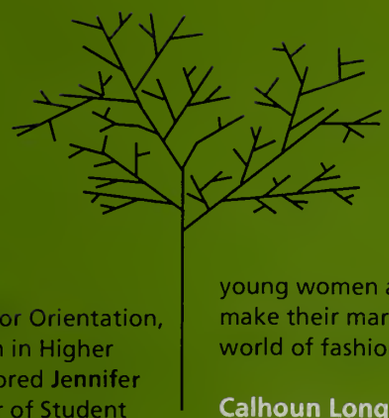
Lasell's undergraduate and graduate programs in **Business** and undergraduate **Sport Management** program each have received accreditation for 10 years. The Business program was cited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs; the undergraduate Sport Management program by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation, making it only the 32nd such program nationally to earn the distinction.

Donahue Scholar Set

Le Ann De Reus, PhD, associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Penn State Altoona and an advocate for human rights and women's rights in Africa, has been named the 2015 Distinguished Donahue Scholar by the Donahue Institute for Values and Public Life. De Reus, a co-founder of Panzi Foundation USA, will deliver the annual Donahue Scholar speech in October.

Presidential Speaker Series

Lasell's new Presidential Speaker Series brought some A-Listers to campus this year, including author **Jack Beatty** ("The Causes of War: 1914 through 2014"), **Dr. Timothy Johnson** ("The Truth about Getting Sick in America") and Bentley University Professor **Aaron Nurick** ("When Good Enough is Really Good Enough: The impact of Setting Unrealistically High Standards in Our Roles as Workers, Parents and Citizens"). Already on the roster for the fall is Lasell Trustee and Village resident **Dr. Warner Slack**, who will speak on "The Limits and Shortcomings of Intelligence Testing." Stay tuned!



Granger Honored

NODA: the Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education, recently honored **Jennifer Granger**, Lasell's director of Student Activities and Orientation, with its Region IX Outstanding Orientation Professional Award. Granger has held numerous roles in NODA, both regionally and nationally. She now is in contention for the same honor, at the organization-wide level, to be awarded to one individual in October. "There is an interesting, longstanding connection between NODA and Lasell," **Diane Austin**, vice president of Student Affairs, tells *Leaves*. "Many former Lasell Orientation Leaders, now professionals in the field, are active in, and have held leadership positions with, the organization."

It Takes A Village...

Anne E. Doyle has been appointed president of Lasell Village, Inc. and vice president for Lasell Village at Lasell College, succeeding Paula Panchuck, who retired after 29 years of service to the College and Village (see page 18). Doyle has an extensive background in the health and senior care industry, most recently with Connected Living, Inc., a technology company that services seniors. Prior to that, she was chief operating officer for Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts and held senior positions with Tufts Health Plan and Fallon Community Health Plan.

Vallely Gets a 'Yolanda'

Associate Professor of Fashion **Anne Vallely**, a Lasell faculty member since 2001, recently received the 2015 Yolanda Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of her "lifetime commitment and significant contribution to the fashion industry." In presenting the award, its namesake and fashion icon **Yolanda Cellucci** cited Vallely's "lifelong passion for educating and mentoring young women and men who aspire to make their mark in the very competitive world of fashion."

Calhoun Long Listed

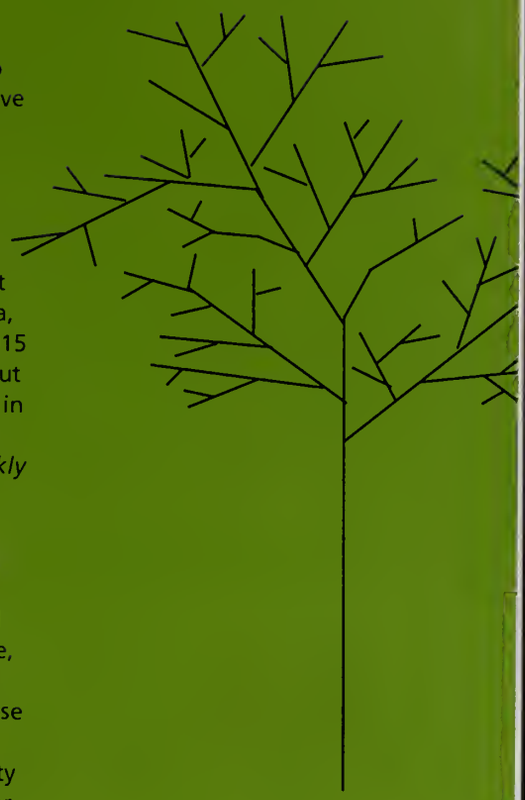
Kenneth Calhoun, chair of Lasell's Art and Graphic Design department and author of the novel *Black Moon* about a dystopian society fueled by insomnia, was named to the Long List for the 2015 PEN/Robert W. Bingham Prize for Debut Fiction. Calhoun's first novel, released in paperback earlier this year, received positive reviews from *Publisher's Weekly* and other national media outlets.

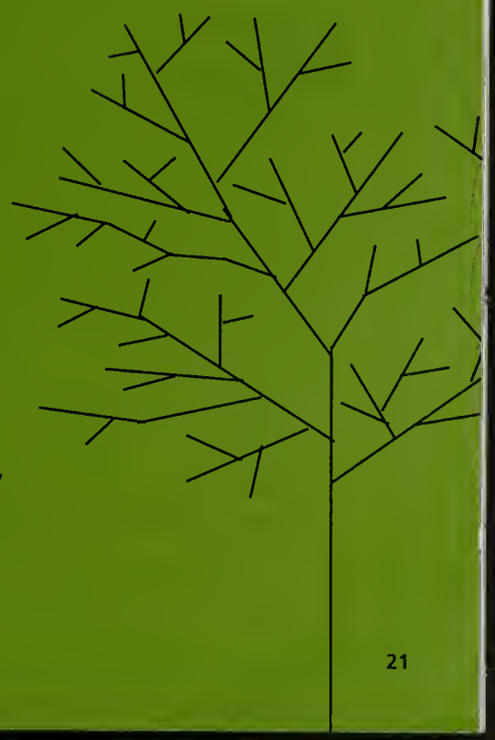
Alternative Spring Break Goes Big

The largest Alternative Spring Break group in the College's history traveled to two locations this spring—Charlotte, NC and New York City. More than 25 Lasell students provided service to those communities ranging from home construction with Habitat for Humanity in North Carolina to addressing hunger and poverty issues in New York City. During Spring Break, the **Center for Community Based Learning** sends students with staff and student leaders to a different part of the United States to immerse themselves in service, reflection and community. In previous years, students have traveled to New Orleans, Las Vegas and the Gulf Coast.

Cross Registration with Regis

Lasell will begin a cross-registration program with **Regis College** this fall, enabling undergraduate students to enroll in additional courses in business, fine and performing arts, foreign languages and the sciences at Regis' Weston, MA campus at no additional cost. Students will be able to register for the Regis courses, which supplement the more than 450 courses available at Lasell, through the College Registrar's Office, earning course credit and grades as they do at Lasell.





media matters

Sonjia Williams '07, Fashion Design alum and ***Project Runway All-Stars*** designer, appeared on The ***Today*** Show's post-Oscars broadcast to recreate a red carpet design worn to the ceremony by *Gone Girl*'s Rosamund Pike. Williams also was featured in the February issue of ***Marie Claire***.

Center Stage: Sonjia Williams '07, center, with her final *Project Runway All-Stars* designs.

Education Professor and Department Chair **Claudia Rinaldi** was quoted in a February ***U.S. News Online*** story entitled, "What Employers Think of Your Online Master's in Education."

In January, ***Inside Higher Ed*** published a commentary by Lasell Vice President for Academic Affairs **James Ostrow** on recent cheating scandals at colleges and universities.

Lasell Political Science Professor and gaming expert **Paul DeBole** appeared on WGBH TV's ***Greater Boston*** news show in January to discuss a lawsuit filed in relation to the newly approved Boston-area casino license. DeBole also was quoted in a related ***Boston Globe*** story in the late fall.

Lasell Village resident Dorothy Adelman was quoted in a January ***New York Times*** article about retirement communities.

In December, Lasell Fashion Design and Production major **Julie Tao '15** made headlines in a ***Boston Globe Magazine*** "Chill Fashion" feature for rocking a stylish mix of men's and women's winter clothing.

Jay Franzone '17 was interviewed on WGBH Radio's ***Morning Edition*** in December about changes to the federal blood donation ban for gay men. Franzone, who volunteers as communications director for the National Gay Blood Drive, also testified on the subject at a federal Health and Human Services Committee hearing in Washington.

In November, Lasell Internship Director and Assistant Professor of Communication **Sarah Burrows** discussed the job search process for the financial literacy website ***NerdWallet***. Burrows shared advice for seniors preparing to look for entry-level positions upon graduation.

In November, Lasell Health Educator **Kate McCarthy** was quoted in an article on ***The Choice Blog*** about recognizing and getting help for addiction.

Dana Janbek, assistant professor of Public Relations, appeared on **Fox 25 News Boston** in April to discuss the arrest of two women in New York on charges related to an alleged terror plot.

Psychology Professsor **Joann Montepare**, director of Lasell's RoseMary B. Fuss Center for Research on Aging and Intergenerational Studies, was quoted in a November ***Herald Tribune Online*** article, "Thoughts on the Triumph and Tragedy of Aging."

Lasell Vice President for Enrollment Management **Kathleen O'Connor** was interviewed by ***WCVB Channel 5***'s Janet Wu in November regarding rising debt among Massachusetts college students. O'Connor identified such contributing factors as changing eligibility for certain loans, the reduction in federal grants and efforts by Lasell and some other schools to increase student aid.

On the Ball: Midfielder Barrientos (#7, at left) dribbles down the field.

Servi Barrientos '15

Scoring Goals...and Reaching GOAL

As a public school student in Providence, RI, **Servi Barrientos '15** was among the first wave of children to benefit from the services offered by Project GOAL (Greater Opportunity for Athletes to Learn). The nonprofit's mission—to provide a structured, nurturing after-school environment for underserved Rhode Island youth—was a perfect fit for the motivated, athletically talented 12-year-old who thrived on GOAL's academic tutoring and soccer clinics.

Barrientos came to the United States from Guatemala in 2002 at the age of three. His father and stepmother settled in Providence, where they live with his college-age brother; his mother still lives in Guatemala, along with his five other siblings (ages eight through 15).

Barrientos was the first Project GOAL student to graduate from a private high school, Rocky Hill School in East Greenwich, RI, where he played varsity soccer and holds the record for most goals (52). His next move was to Auburndale and Lasell. "I love the small size of the College community, where everyone knows one another," he tells *Leaves*. "And Connected Learning was a big part of my decision to come here."

Connect he does, both on and off the soccer field.

A Communication major with a concentration in Sport Communication, Barrientos is the Spring 2015 director of Lasell College Radio. He produces live, play-by-play coverage of Laser games, does sideline reporting during competitions and, back in the control room, edits his work. "Anything I need to do to help expand the athletic program" he says, "I do."

Burke Hazard, Lasell's new head men's Soccer coach, calls the scrappy senior "a rare mix of tenacity and technical skill." Since the Soccer season's end, Hazard adds, "Servi continues to support the program by helping me in the recruiting process."

After graduation, the 5'11" middie plans to take his talents to his native Guatemala City for the summer, where he'll volunteer with Project GOAL teaching English classes and running soccer camps. "Having been born there, I feel obligated to give back to these kids," he says. "I was fortunate enough to have a father to guide me and see that I got an education. It's only right for me to do the same for others who start life with as little as I did."

"My goal," he adds, "is to provide them an opportunity to learn and to dream."

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Three New Trustees Join Board

New Trustees, appointed to two-year terms, are Deborah Robbins Healey, Brad Kates and Warner V. Slack, MD.

Deborah Robbins Healey is a founding partner and head trader and partner in charge of technology at Champlain Investment Partners, an independent employee-owned asset management firm in Burlington, VT. Prior to joining Champlain, she was a vice president and small cap equity trader at NL Capital Management, Inc., a senior vice president and senior equity trader at Putnam Investments, responsible for trading all equities within the financial, capital goods and conglomerates sectors, and a senior equity trader at Fidelity Investments. Healey is on the board of directors at the King Street Center in Burlington and the advisory board for the Center for Financial Literacy at Champlain College. She holds a BA in Government from Dartmouth College.

Brad Kates is the partner and CEO of Opinion Dynamics in Waltham, MA, an energy and marketing services research firm. He brings over two decades of experience conducting consulting and market research for companies throughout North America, informed by a background in management and communications. Kates serves as an advisor on several energy efficiency portfolio evaluations and is a sought-after speaker, including on CNN and at *Time* magazine's Time Warner Summit Politics. He has served on the Association of Energy Services Professionals' board of directors, including as chair for two years. Kates holds an MBA, with a concentration in Organizational Behavior and Marketing, from Babson College.

Warner V. Slack, MD, is professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and a member of the division of Clinical Informatics in the Department of Medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. For more than 45 years, Dr. Slack has focused his research on the use of computers to improve communication in medicine and to empower both doctors and patients for better health care. An early advocate of "patient power," Dr. Slack holds an AB degree from Princeton University, a medical degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons and an honorary MS degree from Harvard University. He is a Lasell Village resident.

Four New Overseers Named

New Overseers, appointed to three-year terms, are Shirley Fan-Chan '94, Priscilla Lundin P'15, Sheila Nutt and Stephen Petrin '11.

Shirley Fan-Chan '94 (see page 25) is director of U-ACCESS at the University of Massachusetts Boston, where she created the statewide Massachusetts Homeless Post-Secondary Students Network to address issues and barriers facing homeless college students. She holds a BA in Human Services, *cum laude*, from Lasell College, an MA in Public Affairs from the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at UMass Boston and a certificate in Paralegal Studies from Northeastern University. Fan-Chan has extensive advocacy and leadership experience around domestic violence, immigrant, women's and children's issues.

Priscilla Lundin P'15, a New York City attorney, began her legal career with a Wall Street law firm. She moved to the public sector, where she was assistant corporation counsel for the City of New York and executive director/general counsel of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board. Lundin currently is a general attorney with the MTA Long Island Rail Road, where she specializes in employment law. Throughout her career, she has participated on numerous bar association committees, particularly those related to women in the law and professional responsibility, which she taught at Cardozo Law School in New York. A Washington, DC native, Lundin is a Lasell parent (Ethan Schwartz '15). She is a *cum laude* graduate of Yale University, where she was in the first class of women. Lundin holds holds JD and MA degrees from the University of Virginia.

Sheila Nutt, director of Education Outreach Programs at the Office for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Partnership at Harvard Medical School, is an educator with extensive experience in various academic settings. She holds a bachelor's degree with honors in African American Studies from the University of Massachusetts, an MEd in Early Childhood Education and an EdD in Educational Administration and Instructional Development, both from Boston University, as well as a master's in theological studies (MTS) from Harvard Divinity School. Dr. Nutt began her professional career with Pan American World Airways, where she held positions as a flight attendant, purser and manager of flight attendants. She did humanitarian work in Ethiopia for 10 years and also worked for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa in that country.

Stephen Petrin '11 grew up in Vernon, CT and was an Entrepreneurship major at Lasell. He is an analyst in the US client service group at the Boston headquarters of ITG, electronic brokerage firm. While at Lasell, Petrin was active in student government and played Varsity Track and Field in addition to being an all-star Soccer player. As a young alum, he regularly attends Lasell events and is a generous supporter of The Lasell Fund. He continues to play soccer, as well as hockey and golf, in his spare time.

James Collins photo

Shirley Fan-Chan '94

Reaching Out: Fan-Chan chats with a student.

'Lasell Helped Me Find My Voice'

It wasn't until she returned to Lasell for her 20th Reunion in 2014 that **Shirley Fan-Chan** appreciated how transformed the campus—and the College—had become since her 1994 graduation. And with that realization came a commitment to "give back and help make the Lasell experience as rich for today's students as it was for me."

A Hong Kong native, Fan-Chan was an international student as a Lasell undergraduate, a self-described "shy young woman brought up to believe my purpose in life was limited." She credits Lasell's small class size and supportive learning environment with enabling her "to find my voice and value myself." And now, two decades later, that once-reluctant Asian immigrant is a committed advocate for social change, a Bedford, MA-based wife and mother of three and a new Lasell overseer (see page 24).

"My undergraduate internship at Lasell prepared me well for my first job in the nonprofit social service sector at a domestic violence agency," she tells *Leaves*. After earning a BA in Human Services, *cum laude*, from the College, Fan-Chan went on to get an MA in Public Affairs from the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston, as well as a certificate in Paralegal Studies from Northeastern. And she is on the advisory council of the Commonwealth Compact, an organization that promotes diversity of leadership in Massachusetts.

Fan-Chan has extensive advocacy and leadership experience around domestic violence, immigrant, women's and children's issues. She is director of the UMass Boston Office of Urban and Off-Campus Support Services (aka, U-ACCESS), where she helped create the statewide Massachusetts Homeless Post-Secondary Students Network. "The stigma associated with homelessness causes many students to hide their circumstances from their peers," Fan-Chan says. "Some resist financial aid out of pride, while others simply do not qualify because they are undocumented, lack a co-signer or have bad credit. We're there to help."

In that spirit, and to honor "the faculty and staff at Lasell who supported me unconditionally me when I needed it most," Fan-Chan recently established a Student Emergency Fund at Lasell to provide limited financial assistance to students who encounter unanticipated emergencies. Examples of such emergencies, she explains, might be a change in circumstance due to a natural disaster, medical need, loss of employment or change in domestic living situation.

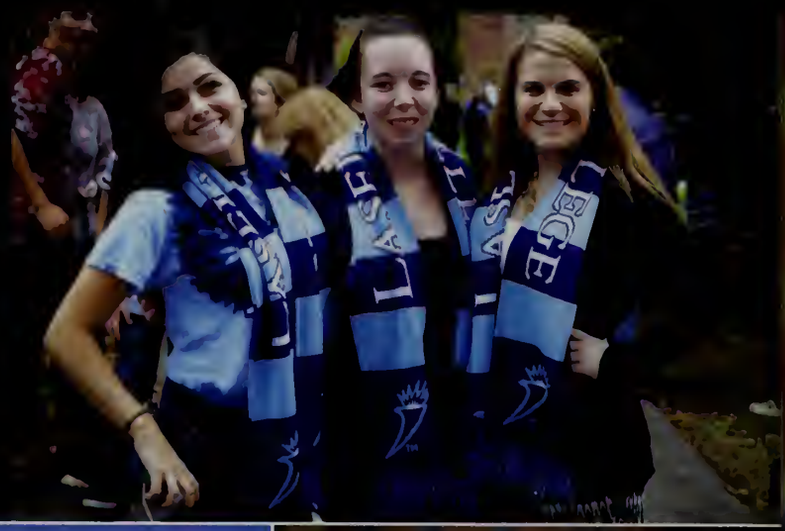
"I hope both my life experience and professional path can help Lasell students realize that no matter how hard their journey," Fan-Chan says, "once they reach out to people who are willing to support them, they will be able to make it. Just as I was."

INTERESTED?

To learn more about the new Student Emergency Fund, contact Lauren McCauslin, director of Alumni Relations and Annual giving, at lmccauslin@lasell.edu or 617.243.2139.

Family, Friends, Alumni ...and an October Chilifest!

Family, Friends and Alumni Weekend 2014 brought alums and family members of all ages to campus for athletic games, the Second Annual Alumni Chilifest and Beer Tent (a spirited competition with proceeds supporting the Lasell Alumni Association Scholarship Fund), a GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Pub Night on Waltham's vibrant Moody Street and more. Plan now to attend this year!



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Family, Friends and Alumni Weekend October 16-18, 2015

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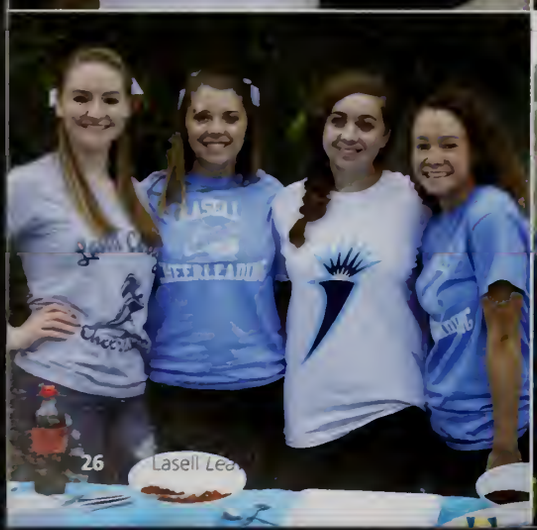

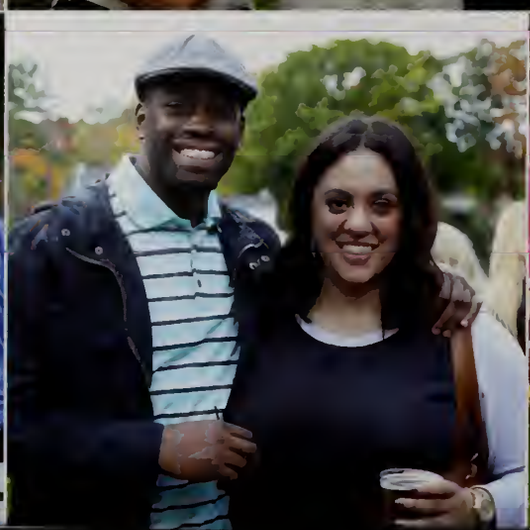

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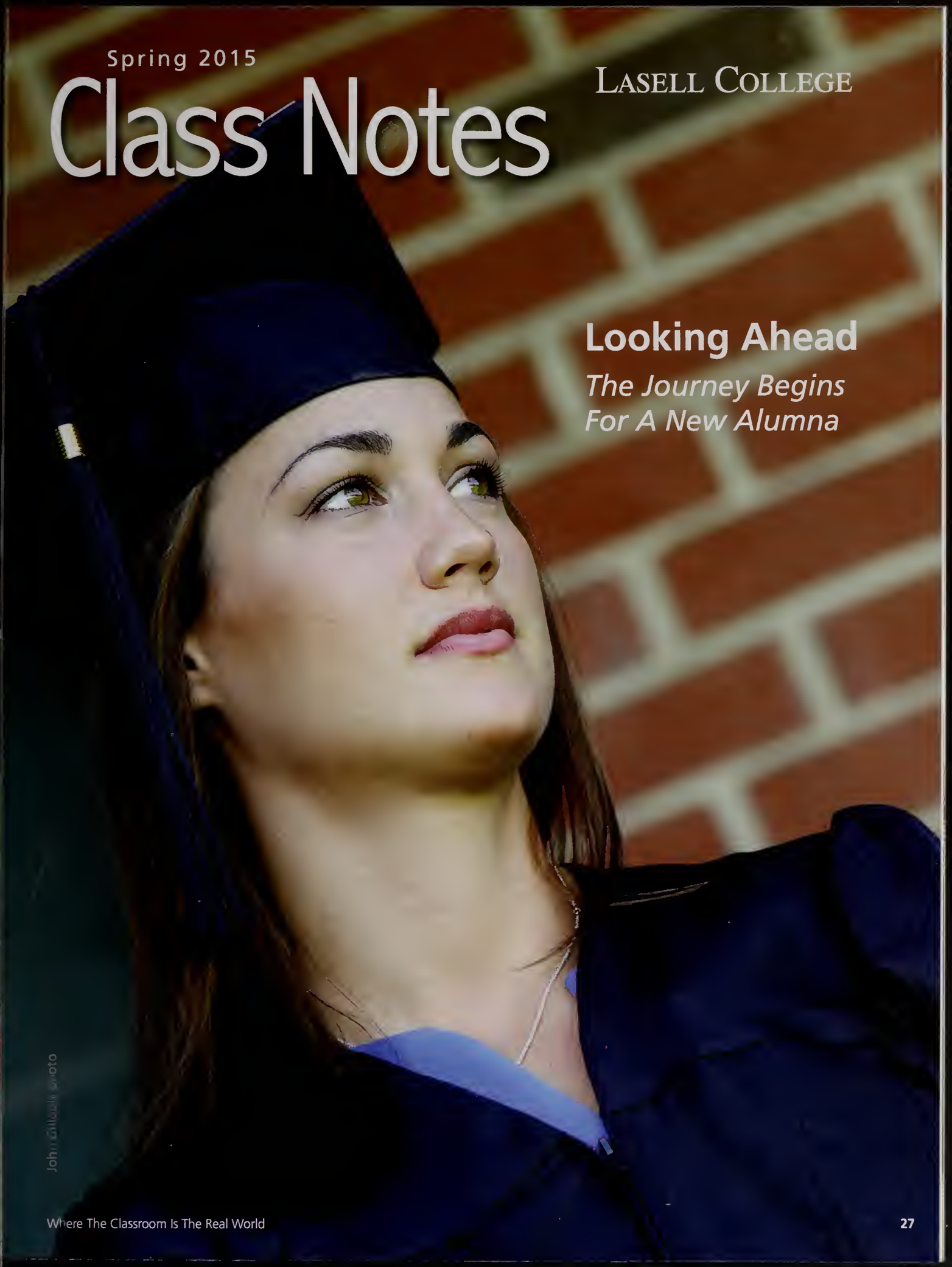

Looking Ahead

The Journey Begins For A New Alumna

John Gilooly photo

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Jessie Page Corey recently held a luncheon for friends with December birthdays at Edgewood Retirement Home in North Andover, MA and discovered that she, **Audrey Souther DesRoches '48** and **Libbie Fleet Glazer '51** all attended Lasell

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Louise Freeman Coombs sold her home on the Cape and moved to Castle Rock, CO near her daughter. **Elsie Aguiar McCroskey** is in an independent living facility, feels fine at 92 and drives a Mercedes convertible. **Marcia Corey Hanson** is doing well in her recovery from a fall. **Dorothy Higson White** feels great and still drives 40 miles to church every Sunday.

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> "I still drive 40 miles to church every Sunday."
>
> — **Dorothy Higson White '42**

Meri Zanleoni Goyette, a longtime community activist, and her physician husband Charles, received the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce's Citizens of the Year Award, making them the second couple to ever receive the honor.

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Ann Fletcher Simonds, a retired newspaper reporter/columnist and longtime resident of Cudjoe Key, FL, published a memoir compilation of 80 stories and 30 humor columns (some previously appeared in the *Key West Citizen*). The content includes tales of Ann's encounters with Apollo 13 astronauts, dancing with Alan Shepard and meeting President Richard Nixon.

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Doris Pinkham Collins volunteers at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, MA, helping with year-round activities as well as a summer program for inner-city children. She likes to walk the beach, snow-shoe and cross-country ski in New Hampshire. **A. Christine "Chris" Oliveto Davis** lives in a retirement home, where she participates in book club and arts-and-crafts activities. **Janet Murphy George** keeps busy in her retirement home and enjoyed a cruise in January. **Iris Schofield McDonough** lives with her son and works with lighthouses. **Nancy Nelson Weiss** lives in a villa and enjoys Japanese thread bunka and Duplicate Bridge.

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Patricia "Pat" Raeder Crone is recuperating from serious-but-successful heart surgery. She has lived in independent housing for three years and has three sons, two grandsons and three great-grandsons. **Kathleen Ballard Heck** lost her daughter to cancer in 2014. She and her husband (who "love attending Lasell reunions") have two great-granddaughters and a child who lives in Florence, Italy. **Marlene Semeraro Juscen-Long** is "hanging in there" at 83, living in Burlingame, CA. Twice widowed, she has two married daughters and two grandchildren. An Art major at Lasell and lifelong artist, Marlene recently has taken up photography. **Mary Jane "M.J." White Miller-Puckett** moved from Ohio to Cape Cod in 1981 and eventually took over her mother's home, where she lives with her 92-year-old husband. Her two daughters live in the Carolinas and have two boys and two girls between them. M.J. had a long career in retail, belonged to the Junior League and did volunteer work throughout. She is in touch with **Priscilla "Phyllis" Freeman Martin**, who lives on Mercer, Island, WA. **Beverly "Bev" Pink Reynolds** and her husband of 62 years live in Fairport, NY and exercise regularly at the YMCA. They have three children and five grandchildren, four boys and a girl living nearby. Bev still sings with a local chorus (and is on their board) and attends opera performances and recitals. She did secretarial work before her children were born, traveled by RV throughout the US and enjoyed trips abroad. **Elaine Quavillon Tull** recently moved from Arizona to the Dallas area and is looking forward to seeing **Georgia Bakes Sigalos** and other Texas alums after settling in. A busy year included cruises to the Panama Canal and Quebec City, plus visits to Texas, Massachusetts and her native Connecticut.

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Ann Alden Allen, now widowed, recently moved from Beaufort, SC to Mattapoisett, MA, where the Alden family has lived for many years. She designed a new house there, christening her dining room by hosting 14 cousins for a holiday dinner. She and her dog Mikey enjoy living by the water. **Barbara Wenzel Boucher** and her husband do a lot of traveling. Their daughter and family, including two grandsons, came up to Ocean Park, ME from Washington, DC for the summer. **Millicent Jewell Bruce** does a lot of traveling as well as volunteering at a new music hall in Rockport, MA. Millicent and her husband are expecting their second great-grandchild in May. **Ruth Easterlind Cederberg** has been a volunteer aide in a first-grade classroom for 13 years. She is also active in her church and community affairs and enjoys her three great-grandchildren. **Virginia "Ginny" Johnson Irwin**, back from a great Florida vacation with her husband, continues to play piano, teach music to preschoolers at a nearby church and work

out regularly at a local gym. **Virginia "Ginny" Snedaker Marschall** exercises regularly and is planning trips to Stewart and Palm Beach, FL as well as a European river cruise with her daughter. **Jean McCambridge** is enjoying retirement living. **Marilyn McGuire** lives in Cromwell, CT and plays golf regularly in the summer, though her "resting periods between rounds are getting longer." During the school year she volunteers in a first-grade classroom in Hartford. Marilyn recently traveled to Ireland and Alaska. **Joeyna "Jo" Raynal Rearwin** and husband Dick are enjoying retirement and planned a winter break with their daughter and her family in West Palm, FL. **Betty Lou Foy Reid's** husband is 83-years-young and still working five days a week. They have an 11-year-old grandson and two daughters who live in Newport, RI. **Nancie Roth Shean** has lived very happily in Port St. Lucie, FL since 1954, has many good memories of Lasell and is a great-grandmother of two. **Elizabeth "Betty" Griffin Wetzel** and her husband visited Paris in April; they have five great-grandchildren. **Joan Morrison Wilson** moved from Seattle to North Carolina, where she stays busy caring for her yard and feeding the birds. She spent time in Seattle last fall and will return in August for her granddaughter's wedding, followed by a cruise to Bermuda. **Marlene Murray Zuker** and her husband will attend his 60th reunion for the MIT Class of 1955, then head to Hawaii for a few months.

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Dot Day Bardarson is still painting award-winning watercolors and is a leader in the Seward Arts Council and the Seward Mural Society in Alaska. "We just mounted a 32 x 8 mural that we painted with six Japanese artists from our sister city," she tells *Leaves*. Dot's entire clan lives in Seward, making family reunions regular occurrences, "seven great ones so far."

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Priscilla "Pris" Fenton Abercrombie regets having to miss Reunion due to health problems but wants "to hear all about it." **Joan Baker Cornell** found an original copy of the infamous "Hazing List" from freshman year. Some of the directives: Wear shower cap with horns protruding; wear skirt inside-out; wear sneaker on one foot with rolled-down stocking, loafer on other; curtsy to all passing seniors; carry all books in a laundry bag; make senior sister's bed that morning; carry a cardboard sign around neck with name and measurements (and a tape measure for seniors to check). **Genevieve "Gigi" Harold** was busy last summer visiting **Lucinda Nolin Johnson**, **Linda Nolin Ahern** and **Marion Nutter** in Sandwich, MA. **Judith "Judy" Bowen Horky** had a great Christmas holiday: "Lots of kids, snow, laughter and food." **Bobbie Jennings** enjoyed lunch in Hawaii with Lasell President Michael B. Alexander. He updated attendees on recent campus improvements, which made Bobbie regret that she cannot make it to her 60th Reunion in June. "None of you have the excuse of too long a distance to travel," she tells classmates, "so please contact Reunion Coordinator **Nancy Goodman Cobin** (who happens to have been my Gardner roommate) and tell her you'll be there. She's at ngco22@comcast.net." **Audrey Silver Rogers** has been in touch with classmates **Adrienne Vitali Stewart**, **Carol Cunningham Kiley** and **Carol Merwin Robinson**.

> "Living between two islands is my idea of the good life."
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> **— Barbara Stannard Riedinger '58**

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Ann Donnelly Murphy paints in pastel, oil and watercolor styles ranging from representational landscapes and seascapes to a semi-abstract series of shorebirds and sea life. She exhibited her work on Boston's South Shore last fall.

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Sandra "Sandy" Fookes Adler celebrated her 56th anniversary with husband Roy (Tufts '58). They've traveled extensively and now are retired in Annapolis, MD. **Antoinette "Toni" Thomas Bouchard** lives in Florida and Vermont and has "three out-of-this-world granddaughters." **Gail Winalski Burd** visited with **Bette Stubbe Carcano** and has seen **Carol Christopher**, **Judy Feldt Oswald** and **Linda Truell Good** in Palm Desert, CA. Gail's two daughters live close by in Naples, FL. **Laurie Ferrante Cannon** sold her fashion accent business. She lives in Tenafly, NJ and is "Nana" to two grandsons. Laurie is active in her community and enjoys painting with acrylics on canvas. **Carol Christopher's** resumé cites a wide variety of jobs, including ski bumming and lots of moving around. Her motto? "Carpe Diem." **Margaret "Peg" Harman Eaton** is looking forward to golf this spring, post- spinal fusion surgery. **Gail Seibert Glover** downsized to a condo near her previous home, overlooking Charlotte Harbor in Florida, and "couldn't be more pleased." After 34 years, **Nancy Spargo Goodridge** retired from W.L.Gore & Associates in Delaware, then celebrated with a dip in the Atlantic Ocean (with 350 other brave folks) this past January! She went on to enjoy oceans in the Caribbean and Florida over the winter. **Marilyn Lanoue Johnson** writes that she "was small and quiet at Lasell" and is "still small but not so quiet." She has two sons and lives in the Boston area. **Theodora "Terry" Brahe Lanham**, who has lived in Hilton Head, SC for 17 years, has four children and 12 grandchildren. **Marion Heinsohn Mitchell** has three children and five grandchildren. She and her husband live in a retirement community in Plymouth, MA, where they enjoy golf and Bridge. The couple would "love to get together with classmates." **Melanie Grill Richardson** commented to *Leaves* on the passing of **Gail Jackson**, remembering "Gail's extraordinary singing voice, her kindness and her wit." **Barbara Stannard Riedinger** lives in a carriage house near her daughter and two grandchildren in Beaufort, SC. Widowed for 25 years, she had a 40-year sales and marketing career with Thomas Register. Now retired, she still travels to Martha's Vineyard every summer. "Living between two islands is my idea of the good life," she writes. **Beverly Dansky Singer** moved to a condo in Boca Raton, FL, volunteers at an orphanage and children's shelter and enjoys helping friends re-decorate. **Judith "Judy" George Stephens** combined work, volunteering and being a stay-at-home mom while married to the "best man in the world" for 55 years. **Patricia "Patsy" Graff Suydam** had a career as an information systems professional with assignments in Belgium and Wales. She now is pursuing her passion for photography, living in her hometown area of Johnstown, NY. Patsy has three daughters and twin grandchildren. **Judith "Judy" Butler Weppel** saw the world as a travel agent with her husband Jack, a computer consultant. They reside in Clyde, NC. **Joyce Stirling Wyatt** travels the country with her husband Larry in their motor home. Class Secretary **Mary Ann Fuller Young** thanks everyone for contributing to this edition of *Class Notes*, saying "we are a class to be very proud of!" Mary Ann recently published *Plainly and Simply, A Memoir of Alzheimer's* and is off to more writing workshops and her next adventure.

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While the Lasell campus was covered with February snow, alums **Valerie Tarracciano Piazza**, **Pat Tarracciano Ciccone '67**, **Elaine Orth Rodey '50**, **Ellen Kaplan Gittleman '63**, **Barbara "Bobbi"**

Lordi Palmer '69 and **Rosemary Pellegrino Eichenfield '57**, along with Lasell Major Gifts Officer Terri Houston, enjoyed lunch at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club in sunny Scottsdale, AZ. **Andrea Busch Niewenhous** considered **Constance Milner**, who died on January 3, 2015, "a mentor, an inspiration and a friend." (see below) **Sharon Handley House** adds, "Miss Milner was very influential in the initiation of the Lasell Nursing Program and served as its administrator and instructor for many years. The program was difficult and yet amazing and gave so many the opportunity to learn the skills of the nursing profession and to care for patients with confidence and compassion. Miss Milner would challenge all the students who rode in the old taxis to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to come forward with their thoughts. I, for one, am deeply indebted to her and will never forget her." Continues **Judith "Judy" Bantleon Lawrence**, "Miss Milner shall always live on in my heart as one of my sweetest and most loving memories of the Nursing Program. She was my 'mother away from home.' We were treated as such a priority in her life, and she carefully and tenderly nurtured, protected, mentored, guided and loved us throughout our training. May her legacy live on throughout our lives." **Penny Pattee Matthew** says, "Miss Milner made our Nursing Program so special. She taught us to truly care about our patients and their needs as well as working as a team. She was totally dedicated to her profession and her students. We loved her." **Irene Tuttle Morine** remembers Milner as "such a special lady in many of our lives. We loved her so very much, and I think that she knew that. The influence that she had in my life will never be forgotten." **Celeste Mayo Shannon** tells *Leaves*, "I have so many wonderful thoughts and memories of Miss Milner it is very difficult for me to be specific and pick some to share. I wish I could tell you how much being taught, encouraged, guided and mentored by her has meant to me. She brought some of the best people to Lasell to educate her nursing students. Miss Milner was not only concerned with our being the best nurses we could be for our patients, she knew we would be better nurses if we were the best people we could be. She encouraged us to become well-rounded by taking liberal arts courses as well as the required science courses. Miss Milner set 'her nurses' on a life course for which we are all grateful." **Susan Clark Stern '62** and **Sharon Handley House** write that they visited Miss Milner a few years ago and "were amazed at how clear she was, living alone with her kitty, driving her car and keeping up with a busy life into her '90s. She continued to be the remarkable woman she always was." **Elaine "Laine" Butler Ryan** says "congratulations to classmate **Laura Jensen**, a Lasell Overseer since 2009 and now chair of the Board. "In that capacity," Laine writes, "Laura acts as an ambassador for the College, providing needed advice, resources and expertise to increase the advancement of Lasell's educational mission." Laine escaped the frigid cold of New Hampshire in January and vacationed on the island of Anguilla in the West Indies. As '61 secretary, she asks classmates to update her or the Alumni Office with changes in e-mail addresses, reminding "we would love to hear from you!" **Celeste Judith "Judy" Tibbetts Whitney** lives in Windham, NH with her husband. Both retired, they have four children and eight grandchildren. Judy was a medical assistant for 30 years and, in retirement, became a hospice volunteer with Merrimack Valley Hospice in Lawrence, MA, where she co-directs a hospice choir. Judy remembers fondly **Betty Hood** and singing with the Lasell Lamplighters. She keeps busy with painting, water aerobics, meeting friends, traveling and organic vegetable gardening. **Martha "Marty" Dazley Cottone** and husband Charlie enjoyed an end-of-the-year Caribbean cruise aboard the new Regal Princess and returned to downsize in preparation for a move to Wooddale Retirement Village in Sun City, AZ.

> "Congrats to our own Laura Jensen, now chair of Lasell's Board of Overseers."
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> — **Elaine "Laine" Butler Ryan '61**

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Leslie Spencer Ames and her husband spent a few days in July with **Gail Grange Johnson** and her husband touring Wolfeboro, NH. **Mary Lou Colby Daley** and her husband visited **The Johnsons** last year in Wolfeboro and had a great time catching up on their lives. **Leslie Delaney Kaufmann** made a big decision to move from Texas to California to be close to her son Chris and his family. All nine cats later joined her. **Carol Schaller Rooney** had a wonderful lunch with **Corky Bessemer Hatfield** in Madison, CT, halfway between where they both live. Former Lasell roommates **Corky Bessemer Hatfield** and **Linda Welt Horowitz** enjoyed a Puerto Vallarta, Mexico reunion in January

19 65 50th Reunion!

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Elspeth "Beth" Anderson-Roy donated her mother's wedding dress to The Lasell Fashion Collection for Fashion students to learn about handmade garments. During a campus visit last fall, Beth caught up with Lauren McCauslin, director of Alumni

Constance Milner: 'An Exceptional Nurse, Teacher and Advisor'

Constance "Connie" Milner, director of Lasell's Nursing Program from 1954 until her retirement in 1984, died on January 3, 2015 at age 96.

A longtime resident of Laconia, NH, Milner was a major force in developing Lasell's Nursing program—the first such associate degree-granting nursing program in Massachusetts.

Milner earned a nursing diploma in 1939 from the Warren Academy School of Nursing, Charles Choate Memorial Hospital in her native Woburn, MA and worked as a registered nurse there from 1940-1950. She went on to receive a BS from the Boston University School of Nursing and an MS from BU's School of Education. She was on the faculty of the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital School of Nursing for 15 years prior to joining Lasell—where she watched the College's Nursing Program grow from an entering class of two students in 1954 to a class of 70 in 1978.

Her 1979 Lasell Medallion citation emphasized Milner's "interest and participation in many Lasell activities, both 'nursing oriented' and 'college oriented,' (that) speak eloquently of her continuing involvement" with the school. Before moving to Laconia in 1999, Milner volunteered at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Woburn for 11 years.

She is survived by a foster sister, Patricia Chadwick of New York, a niece, two nephews, cousins and an extended family of students and friends. "Mama Milner" was beloved by graduates of the Lasell Nursing Program, many of whom contacted *Class Notes* upon her passing (see above). **Susan Clark Stern '62** remembers her mentor as "an exceptional nurse, teacher and advisor... who taught us not only to see the medical needs of our patients, but to see the person behind the hospital gown, with families who cared about them."

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Relations and Annual Giving. **Susan Constantine Buonocore** can't believe that she and her husband George are enjoying their 10th year in Chapel Hill, NC, after 33 years in the Washington DC/Baltimore area. "The University of North Carolina campus is nearby, and Duke is just minutes away," Susan tells *Leaves*, "so there is never a boring moment." She hopes to see some former classmates at their 50th Lasell Reunion this June. **Kathleen "Kathy" Goulder Plante** is executive director of the North Louisiana Jewish Federation and continues to do higher education consulting, spend time with her grandchildren, play Duplicate Bridge and travel. She looks forward to her 50th Lasell Reunion this June.

67 **Suzanne Hill Ladd** enjoys being near the water at her home in Old Saybrook, CT. Son Trevor wed in August, while son Adam has two sons of his own. Sue reports being cancer-free after recovering from colon cancer surgery. She recently visited **Virginia Beecher**, "my BFF," at her New Hampshire home.

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Keena Price is still enjoying her work as a nurse in a Utah dialysis center. She and her husband have five married children and are awaiting the arrival of their 32nd grandchild.

69 While an intern at at Kindred-Avery Crossings working on a master's degree in Elder Care Management, **Mary Anne Conboy** encountered three other Lasell women. Program Director **Elyse Adelstein Golibroda G'05**, the late **Juliette Fager** and **Maureen Carey**, both former Lasell employees. The foursome shared great stories about their Lasell lives.

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Lyn Hertzel Alleborn, a Prudential recruiter for the Northeast, is interested in knowing what other '70 alums plan to attend their 45th Reunion in June. **Deborah "Debbie" Dorsey** graduated from UMass Boston with honors and went on to study video art at MIT's Center for Advanced Visual Studies, where she received two Artist-in-Residence grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Foundation. A longtime Emmy Award-winning documentary editor at WGBH Boston, Debbie was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1997. Her producer/director/editor husband Bob Burns "filmed" her treatment which ultimately morphed into a PBS special, *No Hair Day*. Debbie has done public speaking, stand-up comedy and created videos for nonprofit organizations. She has two grown children, Bobby and Georgia. **Georgia Marshall Fallas** is a retired RN affiliated with Nerium, International and enjoying life in Costa Mesa, CA. **Eileen McGuckian** sends a big hello to everyone and continues to be interested in the South, especially "the wonderful recipes in *Southern Living*." **Jill Flagler Snyder** and **Joanna Marshall Doyle** say "hello to all!" Sally Swope's memoir, *My Shangri-La, My Adventures in Asia*, chronicles her travels in China, Malaysia, India and Indonesia and is available through Amazon.

71 **Kathleen "Kathy" Garland** is an independy beauty consultant for Mary Kay.

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> "Living in Chapel Hill, there is never a boring moment."
>
> **— Susan Constatine Buonocore '65**

Donna Luddy-DeNegre has been doing OB-GYN work for the past 29 years. She has three children, keeps in touch with **Robin Tavekelian Post** and **Sandra Davidow** and "would love to hear from fellow classmates," especially former roommates **Laura Blesh** and **Sandra Anderson**. **Jacqueline "Jackie" Milum Lee** "can't believe almost three years have passed since our 30th Reunion!" She and husband Rich have four children. Jackie and best friends, Lasell Trustee **Susan Rinklin Dunne**, **Grayce D'Agostino Flumerfelt** and **Nancy Moore Camilli** gather every winter at Susan's home in North Palm Beach, FL and every summer at Susan's Southampton, NY home. "Love my besties!," Jackie tells *Leaves*." **Mamiko Ito Yamada's** daughter married in 2014 and her son works for a consulting firm in Yokohama, Japan. Husband Eiji works for Japan Electrical Safety and Environment Technology Laboratories (JET) in Tokyo and Yokohama. Mamiko is an elementary school English teacher. The couple lives in Saitama, Japan.

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89 **Kristen Homer Cobb** attended Lasell's 2014 Family, Friends and Alumni Weekend (see page 26) as both a Lasell parent and an alum. Her daughter Mickayla '18 is a Psychology major, member of the Yoga Club, involved in the Second Step mentoring program and on the Softball team.

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94 **Susan Allen Lopez** is the principal of Bancroft Elementary School in Auburn, MA, a school awarded a distinguished National Blue Ribbon Award by the US Dept of Education, an honor for which Susan credits "my Lasell education."

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Kimberlee Coogan-DeCrescenzo spent 12 years at the Community Health Program at Tufts University and now works for the Tufts campus in Talloires, France.

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Ginnie Chow and Nicholas Hopkins had a Western-style wedding on September 15, 2014 and five days later, a Chinese-style ceremony in New York City. The couple met at a dog park and bonded over their Shiba Inus. "It's almost like a modern day *101 Dalmatians*," Ginnie tells *Leaves*. Their dog-themed wedding featured the male and female Shiba Inus as ring bearers as well as a Shiba Inu ice sculpture.

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Eniolami Ayobiojo and wife Ana are the parents of two sons. Eniolami teaches math at the Jackson Mann K-8 School in Boston and is a minister in his local church. **Kelley English** married Andrew Wideman on August 2, 2014, purchased a home in Goshen, NY in October 2014 and celebrated three years of owning Kelley Jean's Restaurant in Goshen, NY. **Amy Tanner Goldberg** was married this past July to future chiropractor Norris Goldberg. The wedding took place in Narragansett, RI and bridesmaids included Lasell classmates **Jordan Bruni Fiorenzano**, **Tracy Dube** and **Lindsay Nigro**. **Jacqueline Janda** lives in Watertown, MA and is an accountant for an IT company. She is into competitive running, anything from 5ks to marathons. This past November, she ran the Disney Wine and Dine Half-Marathon and finished 19th out of 1483 people in her age division (25-29). Overall, she finished 359/11966 people. **Ricardo Sanon** moved to Butte, MT in September, where he is athletic department coordinator at Montana Tech of the University of Montana. He is engaged to Montana Tech's Head Women's Basketball Coach Carly Van Dyke. **Michelle Acosta Keller** married **Sean Keller '07** in July 2013. They live in Los Angeles, where he is assistant general manager of the Westchester Golf Course and Driving Range and Michelle is the buyer/merchandiser at the Los Angeles Country Club in Beverly Hills. "No kids, but we just got a cat!" **Lisa Jesse Kosarka** got married in St. Lucia in May 2013 and moved to Atlanta, GA in February 2014.

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Jessica Cipri is project managing the monthly *J.Crew Catalog* at the J.Crew corporate office in New York, interfacing with stylists, photographers, copywriters, merchandisers and art directors. Jessica has lived in NYC for four years. **Sarah Salhaney** married **James Duguay '05** in October at Indian Pond Country Club in Kingston, MA. Sarah, a Business grad, is a personal lines manager at Salhaney Insurance Agency; James, a Sport Management alum, is a B2B Training and Support Specialist at Clarks Americas. The couple recently bought a home in North Weymouth, MA. At their wedding they were joined by alums **Eric Knapp '05**, **Matthew Reilly '06**, **Heather Oblon** and **Samantha Plack**. As undergraduates, **Danielle Lisko** and **Kevin Lang '08** met at the legendary R.J. Crowley's (now "The Local") a few weeks before Kevin graduated. They stayed in touch over the years and now are planning an October 2015 wedding. **Samantha Plack** and her sister Allie trained for their first half-marathon, the Walt Disney World Wine and Dine this past fall, and finished in just over two hours. They raised over $2,000 for a local Red Sox-affiliated charity, Pitching in For Kids, which will go toward upgrading underfunded sports facilities statewide.

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Actress **Emmalyn Anderson** of Boston is being repped by RWC Management. She recently appeared in *Trouble With Women*, a festival circuit hit. **Derrick Damon Harper** is an internal contractor for Digitas Advertising and does healing work through basketball with Chelsea, MA youth.

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> "Lasell helped me make professional connections and lifelong friends."
>
> **— Angelo Bertoni '13**

Shane Cardillo is a paraplanner and operations manager for Ameriprise Financial, Inc. in Braintree, MA. He lives in Brighton, MA with two former Lasell roommates. **Chelsea Cleary** works in accounts payable/payroll with Marriott in Waltham, MA. **Abbey Daniel-Green** is an associate producer for Viewpoint Creative, a Boston-based ad agency. She lives in Belmont with fellow Lasell alums **Amanda Tyler**, **Jess Carroll** and **Lea Piazas '13**. **Brandon Gilson** recently was promoted to associate GM of ticket sales at IMG Learfield Ticket Solutions with Boston College Athletics. When Brandon's not busy "providing a memorable game-day experience for his clients," he can be found spending time in the city with family and friends. **Adriana Hoffman-Charles** lives in Boston, teaches preschool at Crispus Attucks Children's Center and is pursuing an M.Ed. at Liberty University. She is married with a one-year-old son. **Juliann LeBlanc** lives in the Boston area and is director of the Cooks After School Program for Needham Public Housing. She also works as a US site manager for Friends Forever, USA, a peace-building, nonprofit agency that brings together young people from Northern Ireland with peers from Israel. **Kasey Looney** is a paralegal at Boston law firm Collora, LLP and lives with fellow Lasers **Hannah Cebry** and **Taylor Curran '11** in South Boston, MA. **Matthew Mahoney** lives in Holliston, MA, is close to finishing his master's degree in Sport Leadership at Lasell, coaches wrestling at Holliston High School, is head JV baseball coach at Ashland High School and is director of Baseball Operations/13U head coach for the Shamrock Baseball Club, based out of Rockland, MA. **Elizabeth "Liz" McGeoy** was promoted to development manager at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Natick, MA. **Briana Nestor** is a project manager/editor at Massachusetts General Hospital. **Victoria Sokoly** got her M.Ed. in December and graduates in May with a CAGS degree and plans a career in school psychology. **Ainsley Wolfe** works with special interest alumni groups at Odysseys Unlimited. She lives in Brighton, MA with fellow Lasers **Ashley Doak**, **Kelsey Corriea** and **Tiffany Potter**.

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Christina Annicelli lives in Northfield, NH with fiancé Calvin Finemore. Christina teaches English at Parker Academy in Concord, NH and is pursuing a master's degree at Plymouth State University. **Angelo Bertoni** works in an entry-level position for his beloved Boston Red Sox and credits Lasell with helping him "network and make professional connections and lifelong friends." **Shauna Byrne** lives on the South Shore, is a merchandiser at Marshalls, is pursuing an MA in Criminal Justice at Curry College and hopes to work within the Massachusetts court system. **Casey Closter** lives in Connecticut and is a manager at Francesca's. **William "Will" Dempsey** is a business systems analyst for the Vermont Agency of Human Services and lives in Colchester, VT with **Andrew Mayer '10**. **Nancy "Deana" Earle-Coppola** continues to work in investing and developing real estate with her brother, Robert, both licensed agents billed as The Earle-Coppola Team for CK Realty Group. **Kadijah Fofanah** is a customer stylist at the French lingerie company Adore Me in New York City. **Michael "Mike" Garozzo** is media coordinator at Reading (MA) Community Television and has established his own video production company, 3 Point Productions, with his twin brother Joe. **Mariah Kaplan** is a nanny at Gymboree in Wrentham, MA and works in daycare at the YMCA. **Carolyn "Carrie" Kenniston** lives in East Boston, MA with her boyfriend Sean and kitten Puddles. A law school student, she participated in the National Trial Team this spring. **Frankie Leone** is a first-year student at Suffolk University Law School. **Jamie Marshall** is a first-year student at Suffolk University Law School, works in the legal department at Avid Technology and plans to become a college soccer referee. **Jordan Molina** lives in Connecticut, recently started a dog-sitting business and works in a coffee shop. **Antonio Nesbitt** is a legal research and training specialist with Thomson Reuters in Washington,DC, pursuing a master's degree

> “I’m putting my Lasell BA in Sports Communication to good use.”
>
> — **Zachary Gray ’14**

in Justice, Law and Criminology at American University. While planning a fall wedding, **Victoria “Vicki” Pagano** is pursuing an MS in Public Relations at Lasell and working at 1st Light Energy in Waltham, MA. She and fiancé Bill Gilbert live in Brighton, MA. **Catherine “Catie” Prince** received an MS in Sport Management from Florida State University and works in media relations at Murray State University in Kentucky, where she is the main contact person for five varsity sports. **Ariel Rao,** a CAD designer at WR 9000, a New York City fashion company, recently purchased a condo in Queens, NY. **Amanda Russo** works at a Boston financial firm and lives in the South End with a roommate and her dog Velcro.

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Kaitlyn Brown is a sales associate/personal shopper for Neiman Marcus in Chicago, IL. **Diane Coon** teaches high-school English with the Peace Corps in Albania. **Zachary Gray** is an athletic communications assistant at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, “putting my Lasell BA in Sports Communication to good use.” **Mariana Fernandez del Castillo** teaches in Charlestown, MA using the Reggio Emilia approach “that makes parents, teachers and children equal co-constructors of learning.” **Flannagh Fitzsimmons**, a former Lasell Chair recipient, is a counselor in an adolescent assessment program and plans to pursue MSW and JD degrees. She lives with former Lasell Student Government President **Kevin Moloney,** who is an AmeriCORPS VISTA volunteer with Northern Essex Community College, in partnership with Lawrence High School, involved with civic engagement. Kevin is pursuing a master’s degree in higher education. **Jennifer Freeman** is working on an MBA in Sports Administration at Lynn University in Florida. **Patrick Leung’s** undergraduate internship with the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center turned into a fulltime job as a digital media associate, creating motion graphics for community and trade show events. **Kristiana Litts** is pursuing graduate studies in Education (School Counseling) at Fairfield University. **Justin Miller** is an executive producer for several Top 40 radio stations in upstate New York. **Ashley Monck** ran her first half-marathon in September soon after beginning an MSW program at Southern Connecticut State University. As part of her course work, she is interning at an urban New Haven high school. **Jenna Zamary** is pursuing a master’s degree in Moderate Disabilities through Lasell’s Fifth-Year Program, working in literacy intervention at Peck Place School.

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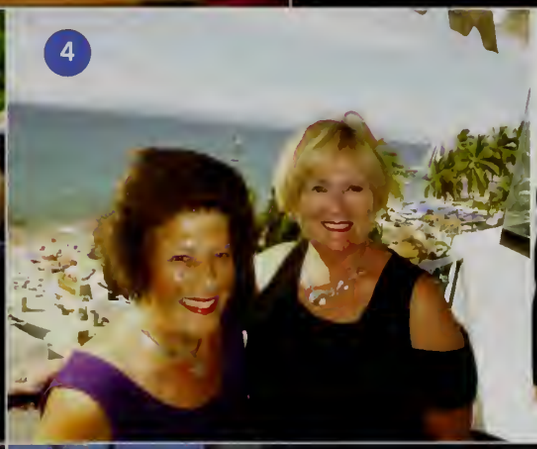
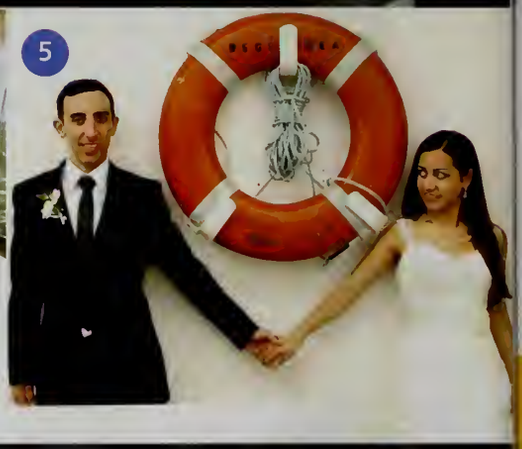
Aloha!: In Hawaii, Joan Scanlon ’55, Bobbie Jennings ’55, Lasell President Michael B. Alexander, Micah Alu ’11, Lisabeth McNamara-Donnelly (granddaughter of) Harriet “Honey” Markham Wedeman ’48/H’10.

Snapshots

1. Samantha Plack '10 and sister Allie Plack. **2.** Mildred "Millie" Berg Cunningham '57, Gloria Guiduli '57, Audrey MacAdam Lowe '57, Sheila Cronin Sullivan '57. **3.** Ginny Chow '05 and Nicholas Hopkins. **4.** Leslie Spencer Ames '63 and Gail Grange Johnson '63. **5.** Michella Acosta '08 and Sean Keller '07. **6.** Elyse Golibroda G'05, Mary Anne Conboy '69/G'15 (standing), Juliette Fager, Maureen Carey (seated). **7.** Valerie Tarracciano Piazza '61, Pat Tarracciano Ciccone '67, Elaine Orth Rodey '50, Ellen Kaplan Gittleman '63, Lasell Major Gifts Officer Terri Houston, Barbara "Bobbi" Lordi Palmer '69, Rosemary Pellegrino Eichenfield '57.





Engagements

Katie Ann LaChance '08 and Michael Elwell

Victoria "Vicki" Pagano '13 and William Gilbert

Richard Savon '08 and Carly VanDyke

Danielle Lisko '10 and **Kevin Lang '08**

Marriages

Ginny Chow '05 and Nicholas Hopkins on September 15, 2014

Lindsie Cameron '07 and **Randyl Stillman '07** on September 6, 2014

Paul Dippolito '07 and Melissa Ubertini on November 7, 2017

Michelle Acosta '08 and **Sean Keller '07** in July 2013

Kelley English '08 and Andrew Wideman on August 2, 2014

Amy Tannger '08 and **Norris Goldberg** in July 2014

Sarah Salhaney '10 and **James Duguay '05** in November 2014

Children

Amanda Chapman '11, a son, Alexander Garrison Boudreau, on May 31, 2014

Deaths

The Lasell community extends heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of those remembered here. Our ranks are diminished by their loss.

Alumni

Marjorie Parrish Green '29 on September 16, 2014

Virginia Thomas Baxter '39 on February 12, 2015

Jane Bartlett Wallace '40

Madeline Vivian Murphy '41 on August 29, 2014

Dorothy Macomber Vannah '41 on December 12, 2014

Charlotte Bragg Burke '42 on July 13, 2014

Patricia Johnson '42 on November 19, 2014

Martha "Marty" Pangborn Seidensticker '42 on August 10, 2014

Marilyn McKendry Billmeyer '43 on October 28, 2014

Jacqueline Campbell Lumbard '44 on December 8, 2014

Constance Arley Brown '45 on June 29, 2014

Lillian Feneley Cooley '45 on February 28, 2014

Susan Slocum Klingbeil '45 on October 21, 2014

Mary-Lou Fisher Burness '46 on January 5, 2015

Molly Ing Louis '46 on November 3, 2011

Carol Powles Delpo '47 on September 7, 2010

Patricia Terry Chase '49 on January 2, 2015

Nancy Ahlgren Colena '49

Patricia Troup Dye '49 on November 3, 2014

Elizabeth Kerrivan Davidson '50 on August 24, 2013

Helen Panesis George '50 on October 11, 2014

Virginia Hopson Griffin '50 on July 29, 2014

Nancy Gotier Fein '52 on July 19, 2012

Jean Ewart Borman '53 on February 12, 2014

Janet Hart Wilson '53 on October 17, 2014

Sara Rojas Casarella '54 on September 10, 2010

Maxine Seidel Lyle '55 on October 5, 2014

Sally Quicke Reiss '56 on December 21, 2014

Gail Jackson '58 on January 1, 2015

Sandra Johnson Hendrickson '59 on December 12, 2013

Jane Kremer Bray '60 on July 19, 2014

Barbara Hall Malestein '63 on April 28, 2014

Sue Kutenplon '73 on November 24, 2014

Nancy Hall Young '75 on November 28, 2014

Elisse Allinson Share '65/P'98

As *Leaves* went to press, the Lasell family learned of the death of Trustee Elisse Allinson Share '65/P'98 on April 9, 2015 at the age of 69. A full obituary will appear in the Fall 2015 issue.

Faculty and Staff

Elaine Callahan Cavanaugh on October 9, 2014, former Rockwell Child Study Center director

Constance Milner on January 3, 2015, former Nursing Program director

Kathryn C. "Kate" Crehan Bowman on January 14, 2015, Brennan Library head of circulation

Juliette Fage on February 1, 2015

Overseer Virginia Thomas Baxter '39: 'A Remarkable Person'

Lasell Overseer Emerita **Virginia Thomas Baxter '39** of Westminster Suncoast, FL, died on February 12, 2015 at the age of 95.

In the 1939 *Lasell Lamp*, Virginia Thomas is described as "generous" and "an amusing storyteller," two traits that carried her through a long life. She was a loyal donor to Lasell, a longtime corporator and member of the College's Heritage Society. Baxter was awarded a Lasell Medallion and appointed as Overseer Emerita in 2009 in recognition of her outstanding generosity and service to the College.

She established the Virginia Thomas Baxter '39 Endowed Scholarship in 1997 and then generously augmented its principal in honor of her 75th Lasell Reunion in 2014. In addition, Baxter established a charitable gift annuity in 2001 in response to the challenge grant to Lasell from the Kresge Foundation.

Senior Advancement Officer Katharine Urner-Jones '83 tells *Leaves*, "Virginia was a remarkable person with a real twinkle in her eye. She often described herself as a 'woman of positive action.' I vividly remember talking to her after one of her many hospitalizations. She was on oxygen, stuck in her chair, but still actively staffing a community helpline from her room! That was Virginia."

Born in Boston, Baxter moved to Florida with her husband "Arnie" in 1969. Their only child, Thomas, predeceased her. After her husband's death in 1985, Baxter devoted her life in service to others, including volunteer work with her local hospice and two hospitals. She was active in Good Samaritan Church, where she pioneered a youth ministry with a commitment that the institution be "open and affirming." Thomas is survived by two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Susan Slocum Klingbeil '45: Steadfast Supporter

Lasell Overseer **Susan Warner Slocum Klingbeil '45** died on October 21, 2014 in Mount Dora, Florida at the age of 89. President of her senior class at Lasell, where she graduated with a degree in Open Studies, Klingbeil returned to her home state to earn a BS degree from the University of Michigan.

Klingbeil joined the Lasell Board of Trustees in the 1990s. She and her husband, William Hayward Klingbeil, have been members of Lasell's Heritage Society since 1997 and overseers since 2005, as well as co-chairs of Lasell's 150 Campaign Planned Giving Committee. In addition, Sue Klingbeil initiated and was the annual underwriter of Lasell's popular Business Etiquette event for graduating seniors.

For her longtime commitment to her alma mater, Klingbeil received the Lasell Medallion at her 60th Reunion in 2005. Her lifelong devotion and generosity to Lasell are recognized on campus with a building named in her honor, Klingbeil House—appropropriately, the home of the College's Center for Community Based Learning.

Her family tells *Leaves* that Klingbeil believed the maxim "to whom much is given, much is expected." In that spirit, she lived an active and engaged life that included chairing Young People's Concerts with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and co-creating the Arts to the Schools program with the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Junior League. Throughout her life, the Lasell undergraduate known as "Sloc" played an active volunteer role in her local community, with particular interests in arts education and the environment.

Sue Klingbeil traveled the world with her husband and became a skilled photographer. "In an era before most women worked outside the home, Klingbeil developed her own business as a leisure planning consultant," the *Grosse Point News* wrote. "For more than 30 years, she matched children with summer activities all over the globe. She was affectionately known in Grosse Point as 'The Camp Lady.'"

Klingbeil is survived by her husband of 65 years, four children (William Jr., Martha Coates, Dr. Frederick and Susan Warner), eight grandchildren and two great-grandsons. A celebration of Klingbeil's life is planned for Sunday, August 2, 2015 at the Sequanota Club in Charlevoix, Michigan.

Former Rockwell Director, Child Advocate Elaine Cavanaugh

It was commonly held that **Elaine Callahan Cavanaugh** "never met a child she didn't like, foster and encourage." And the lifelong relationships she maintained with many of her students, as well as with children in her Auburndale, MA neighborhood, are testament to that belief.

The longtime director of Lasell's Rockwell Program at the Holway Child Study Centers, and former faculty member and chair of the College's Early Childhood Education Department, died on October 9, 2014, at her home in Weston, MA.

Born in Island Pond, VT, Cavanaugh spent most of her childhood in Newport, VT before moving to Boston to attend Lesley College. She and her late husband, James, lived and raised their family in Auburndale. From early childhood, Cavanaugh aspired to educate young children and spent a successful career teaching preschool in Marblehead and Brookline, MA as well as in her role at Lasell. Under her direction, Lasell's Child Study Center (now known as Rockwell) garnered, and continues to enjoy, a reputation for excellence in child care and education.

Upon receiving the Lasell Medallion in 1982, Cavanaugh was cited as a professional "esteemed by Lasell students, alumni with whom she has worked on Phonathon and other endeavors and fellow faculty members, with whom she served on the faculty's Academic Standards, Curriculum and other Committees."

She is survived by her children, David and Lynne, son-in-law James Kitendaugh, three grandchildren, two sisters-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Longtime Brennan Librarian Kathryn "Kate" Bowman

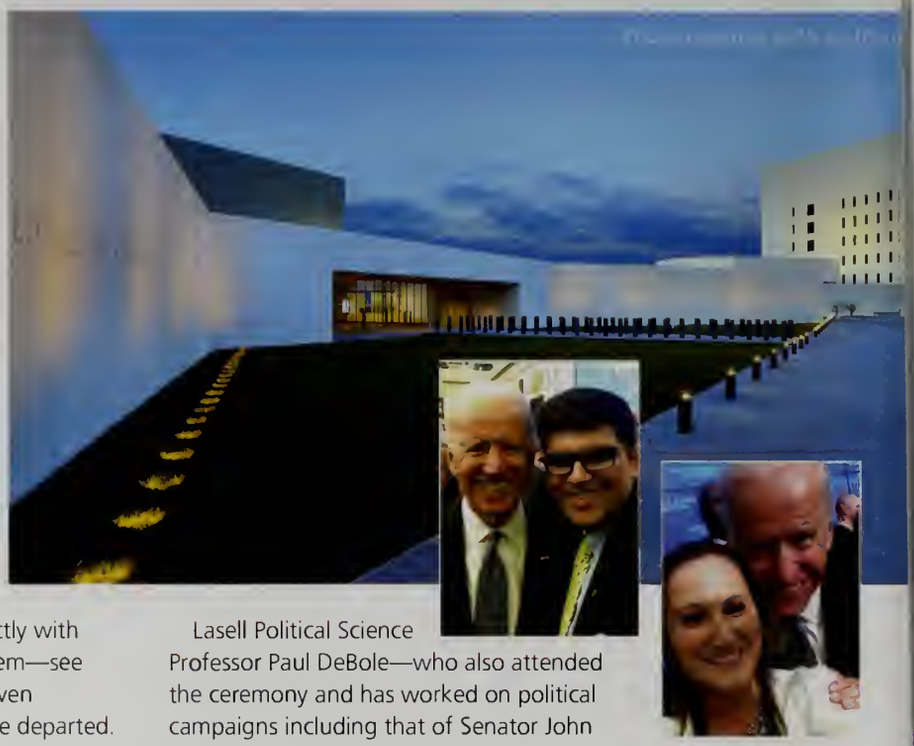
Brennan Library Head of Circulation **Kathryn Crehan "Kate" Bowman** of Newton Highlands, MA, a familiar face to Library patrons for three decades, died suddenly on January 14, 2015.

A Hartford, CT native, Bowman received a bachelor's degree in math from Connecticut College and a master of arts in teaching from Harvard University. She taught math at Newton High School before joining the Lasell staff. An accomplished gardener, Bowman was active in regional garden clubs and other community organizations. She also was a dedicated cook who especially enjoyed preparing meals with her extended family during summers at their home in Acton, ME.

Bowman is survived by her husband of 51 years, Philip C. Bowman, two sons, Jeffrey (Alicia) and Steven, a sister and five grandchildren.

Commenting on Bowman's death, Vice President for Academic Affairs James Ostrow tells *Leaves*, "Kate started at Lasell in 1982 when the College was a two-year, all-female institution, and she experienced Lasell's tremendous growth and transformation during her career. She will be greatly missed."

Lasell Students Moved by Kennedy Institute Experience



To say **Jennessa Agnew '15** and **Jay Franzone '17** are politically engaged is an understatement. Agnew has interned for the Democratic National Committee. Franzone has attended US Congressional hearings in Washington.

So, being present at the opening ceremonies of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate in late March was a no-brainer.

Both Agnew and Franzone were chosen to represent their home states (New Hampshire and Connecticut, respectively) at the politically star-studded affair, which included speeches and appearances by President Barack Obama and **Vice President Joe Biden**.

"One of the most touching aspects of the day would be the politicians who wanted to speak with the students, wanted to give us advice and wanted to encourage us to be future leaders, specifically United States Senators," Agnew tells *Leaves*.

Both Agnew and Franzone were able to speak directly with many of the national leaders (and take selfies with them—see right); the group of students gathered for the event even received a "pep talk" from President Obama before he departed.

Franzone, awestruck by accessibility to these high-profile leaders, says it helped him focus on his future goals.

"I realized I just did something millions of people can only dream of," he says, adding "this opportunity, supported by Lasell, has really helped me put things in perspective."

Lasell Political Science Professor Paul DeBole—who also attended the ceremony and has worked on political campaigns including that of Senator John McCain of Arizona—recommended the students for selection by the EMK Institute.

As a result, it was an historic experience these Lasell undergrads will never forget.

'TK' Koerber Retires from Lasell, Moves to 'Boston Office'

Tom (TK) Koerber, a familiar face on campus for 30 years, retired from the College in March. The director of Construction Projects and Lasell's longtime director of Plant Operations and Public Safety, Koerber oversaw the construction of many new buildings on campus, including: the Athletic Center; Bragdon, Butterworth, Holt, Forest, Rockwell, East, West and North Halls; the Donahue Center for Creative and Applied Arts; and the Arnow Campus Center and Courtyard. In addition, he helmed major renovations of Winslow, McClelland and Woodland Halls; Yamawaki Art and Cultural Center; Hamel House and Irwin House; and Valentine Dining Hall.

With minimal funding during most of Koerber's tenure, "he was able to keep the maintenance of the campus infrastructure in the best possible condition," Vice President of Business and Finance and CFO Michael Hoyle tells *Leaves*, "leaving the institution with less deferred maintenance than most colleges in America."

President Michael B. Alexander adds, "Tom Koerber is a special individual who made Lasell his life and, in so doing, made the College and the Village come to life. His imprint endures on every piece of the campus infrastructure. He made sure the physical plant and support operations kept pace during a period of incredible growth. Through it all, Tom maintained a sense of humor and a broad perspective. He has been a pillar of the Lasell community, and we wish him and his bride Roberta nothing but happiness."

Thanks, Tom!
Koerber, surrounded by family, at his farewell gathering.

A celebration of Koerber's career and accomplishments was held at Hamel House, one of the many iconic campus buildings he helped revitalize. A lively affair, with numerous fishing references, many joked with Koerber about his ability to finally move to his Boston office—his boat!

‘I Believe in Education’

– Naomi Kahrimanian Kuzoian ‘46

In the 1946 *Lasell Lamp*, **Naomi Beatrice Kahrimanian** (inset below) is described as "always on the go, easygoing and good-natured." Today, nearly seven decades later, the same might be said of the high-energy alumna.

An Arlington, MA native, Naomi attended Lasell during World War II, went on to earn a BA at Adelphi College and, later, took graduate courses at the University of Rhode Island. After a long career in several fields, she retired as a jobs counselor manager with the Rhode Island Department of Labor. But the spirited nonagenarian has never slowed down.

A world traveler and museum lover, Naomi's been to the Middle East, Europe and Africa. She's tech savvy and still drives daily. And she's remained a loyal and generous ambassador of her alma mater.

"Lasell was such a good experience for me," she says. "I wanted to help start someone off on the right foot in life and give them an education they might not otherwise receive." In that spirit, she has established the Naomi Kahrimanian Kuzoian ‘46 Scholarship Fund with a planned gift to the College. "It seems like a natural thing to do," she continues. "Everybody owes something to somebody. I had the opportunity to get a degree from Lasell and go on from there. You have to give something back, and I believe in education."

To learn more about establishing a planned gift that will have a lasting impact on Lasell College, visit www.lasell.edu/Heritage Society or contact Senior Advancement Officer Katharine Urner-Jones ‘83 at 617.243.2223 or kurnerjones@lasell.edu.

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